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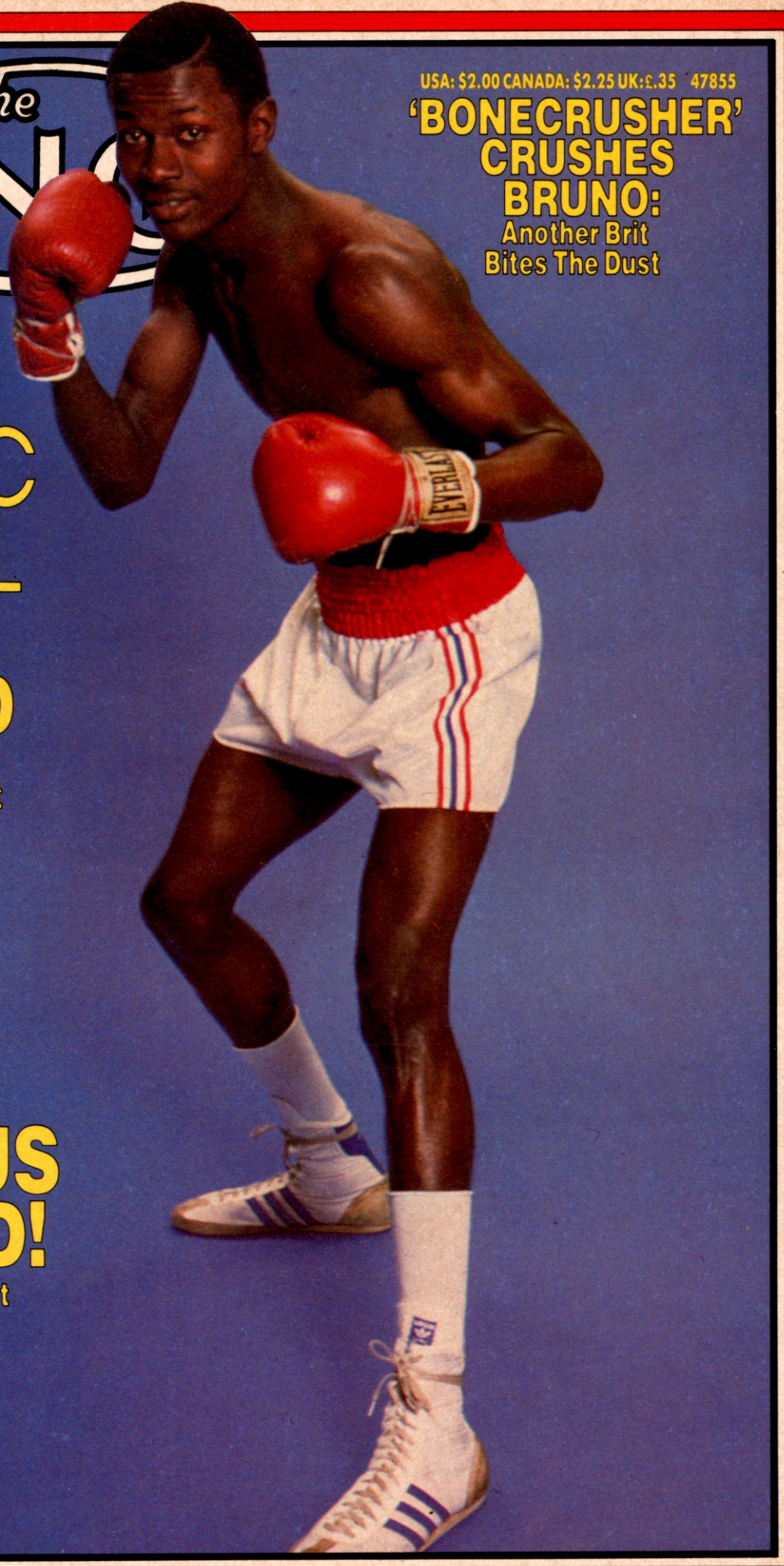

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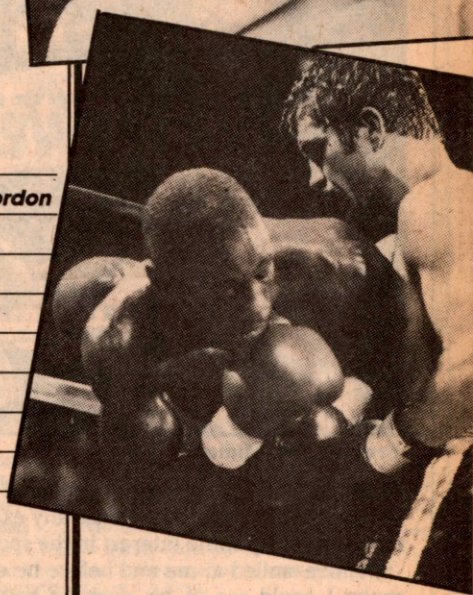

RINGSIDE

AMATEUR HOUR

THE RING IS IN ITS 63RD YEAR AND NEVER has an amateur graced its cover—until this issue.

Mark Breland is special. He's that diamond of diamonds. The young man from Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, is rare. He's gifted. He's also coming along at just the right time.

In the fall of 1982, I complained to my friend, Angelo Dundee, "There's nothing going on in boxing. With Ali out of the picture and now Sugar Ray (this was after Leonard's retirement announcement in November, 1982), what does boxing have to look forward to? Who is around to cause any excitement, to stir up some interest in the sport?"

Breland gets Midlands Cup.

Dundee smiled at me and before he even spoke I could see in his eyes he had the answer.

"There's always somebody," said Dundee. "There's always something, even if it's on the horizon. It may not be noticeable, but it's there. Boxing always manages to come up with something." I think about Dundee's words often. They're so true.

Mark Breland is the most highly-touted American amateur boxer in history. I'd put his skills (at the same stage of development, of course), along with his amateur achievements and credentials, above those of Sugar Ray Leonard (145-5 as an amateur including an Olympic gold medal), Howard Davis Jr. (125-5, four consecutive New York Golden Gloves titles and an Olympic gold medal) and yes, even above pre-World War II amateur sensation Walker Smith, who won all 85 of his amateur bouts, 69 by knockouts, 40 of them in the first round. Smith went on to win five professional world championships under the name Sugar Ray Robinson. In a poll taken by THE RING in 1980, Robinson was voted the "Greatest Fighter of All Time." I believe Breland is a better amateur than Davis, Leonard or Robinson.

Unfortunately for Breland, his tremendous talents will be on display against good and very good amateurs instead of vastly-talented and even other great amateurs. That's because 16 Soviet Bloc nations—led by the U.S.S.R.—have pulled their professional athletes out of The Games. The Soviet Union blamed their pullout on "lack of security" measures in the Olympic Village in Los Angeles. This, of course, is not true. I've been assured by Olympic officials that security measures were never so high. The Soviets are merely using The Games as a political toy, getting back at the United States for not competing in the 1980 Olympics because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

I believed in America's refusal to attend The Games in Moscow that year. I still feel the same way. Our mistake was that after we pulled our athletes out of the 1980 Olympics, we should have immediately asked for the 1984 Olympics to be held anywhere but in the United States. The 1984 Olympic Games deserved a better fate than this.

I heard some naive person say the other day, "I wonder if the Soviet regime feels bad about pulling out and messing up the Olympics?" Bad?!? The Soviets feel bad? Impossible! These are the same Communist criminals who knowingly "terminated"—to use their expression—Korean Airlines flight 007 last September 1, a 747 carrying 269 persons, doing so because the jet had strayed into Soviet air space. Unprovoked, unwarranted, unannounced, the Soviets blew the jumbo jet out of existence. Then, the vicious war-mongers blamed the incident on the United States. The Soviets showed not the slightest bit of remorse over their actions.

Now, because of a "lack of security," the

Soviets—along with their Communist allies—hope to doom the Olympics. It won't happen. The Games will go on as scheduled, with more nations than ever before. Unfortunately, we won't be able to see the choicest athletic confrontations in the world.

At least Breland can say he's fought the Russian (Serik Konikbaev) and beaten him. At least Breland can say he's fought the Cuban (Candelario Duvergel) and beaten him. Breland can also say he beat them with two aching hands, one of which required surgery. And with those sore, throbbing hands he still whipped both of them one-sidedly. There is little doubt the "Bed-Stuy Bomber" would have beaten them just as easily—probably KO'd them both—had they met again.

The cover story was written by Tom Hanrahan of the New York *Daily News*. Hanrahan, who covers the Daily News Charities-sponsored New York Golden Gloves, has seen—and covered—every one of Breland's NYGG fights. That's 22 of Breland's victories.

Through Hanrahan's eyes, get to know the young man who starred in *The Lords of Discipline*, who has appeared on NBC's *Today Show* and *30 Rock*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, in *Life*, *People* and *Us* features, who has been approached about taking a bit part in a popular television soap opera and who is apparently boxing's next superstar.

The pressure on Breland is tremendous. Pressure to say the right things. Pressure to never have an "off" moment. Pressure to win. Pressure to knock out opponents every time he lands his vaunted right. He's handling the mounting pressure as well as he handles the world's top amateur fighters.

In a few days, Breland will take his 104-1 record into the Games of the XXIII Olympiad. The world will watch in awe as he most likely will cut down the *creme de la creme* of the world's amateur welterweights. His incredible class and talent will make most of them look like inexperienced novices.

If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing Breland in action as I have (at least 30 times), you're still probably asking yourself, "Why an amateur on the cover of THE RING?"

Watch the Olympics. You'll find out why.

RANDY GORDON

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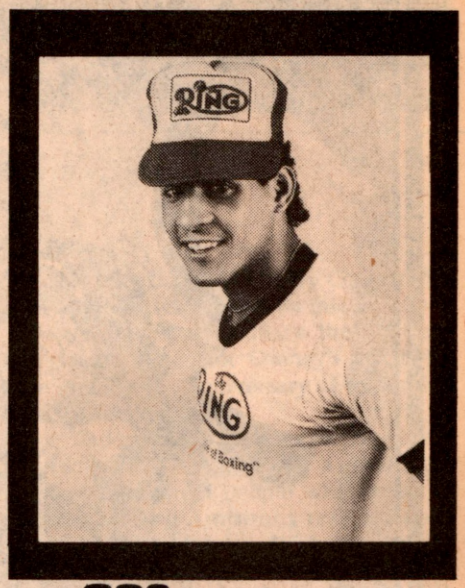

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ROUND ONE

BY BEN SHARAV

'WHY DID THE MAN THROW THE CLOCK OUT THE WINDOW?' DEPT.

MOST OF US LEARNED TO TELL TIME in kindergarten or first grade. Those who did not, and are still having trouble with it...become official boxing timekeepers.

We run our stopwatch at the fights and we're used to seeing rounds and between-rounds rest periods run a few seconds too short or too long. For instance, at the Gerrie Coetzee-Michael Dokes WBA heavyweight championship fight, most of the rounds ran about 3 minutes and 2 seconds. If Michael Dokes ever decides to fight again and wants a fresh excuse for why he lost his title, he can point out that had the rounds run the proper three minutes, the fighters would have been seated on their stools at the instant that Coetzee decked him for the count at 2:58 of round 10.

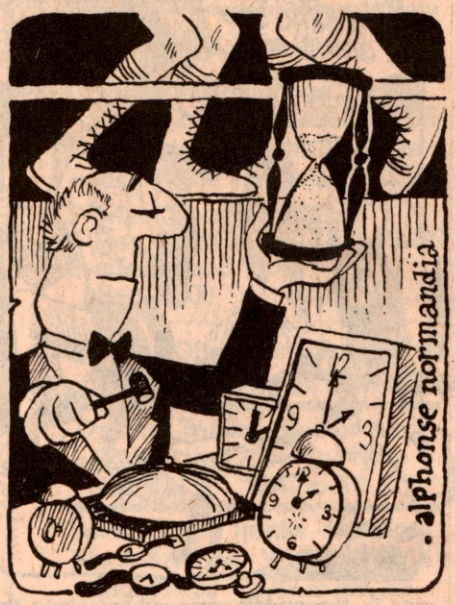
But while 2-second discrepancies are generally not worthy of notice, substantially longer variances are harder to overlook.

At the double header championship card in Buffalo, the timekeeper made the first two rounds of the first bout of the evening—a 10-rounder between lightweights Charlie "White Lightning" Brown and Remo DeCarlo—run 2:28 each. Then in the Bumphus-Hatcher title fight, he ended the second round after only two minutes. To compensate, the timekeeper then let a minute and 15 seconds elapse before ringing the bell to start round three.

When we brought this matter up with John Branca, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, Branca answered, "With all the excitement, it's sometimes hard to keep exact time."

We were all set to go into one of our diatribes, ridiculing the chairman's defense, demanding, "No matter how much excitement there is, it's the job of the timekeeper to keep accurate time. That's why they call him a 'timekeeper.' Could you imagine in your wildest dreams, the Super Bowl running 32 seconds too short and Pete Rozelle shrugging, 'Well, with all the excitement, the timer shot the gun off half a minute early.'?"

But then we figured, maybe the New York Commission has a bright new idea: the "random round." The timekeeper rings the bell whenever the hell he damn well pleases. Imagine how much more complex it would be for fighters to "pace" themselves, when they'd never know just what they were pacing themselves for. And just think of the excuses that the losing fighter would have at his disposal:



• "I trained to fight three minutes a round. But that seven-and-a-half minute fifth round really took everything out of me."

• "I was really starting to come on. But then that four-minute break before the ninth round made me get cold."

• "I planned to wear him down and knock him out in a late round. But I never expected the 13th, 14th, and 15th rounds to run only 47 seconds each."

No, on second thought , we'll settle for a kindergartener with a watch. The New York Commission could probably get one to work cheap.

LUNAR COONEY

AS WE GO TO PRESS HBO SPORTS EXECUtives are saying that the pay-TV network will telecast live a Gerry Cooney-Phil Brown heavyweight fight on this July 20.

Do you know what that's the 15th anniversary of? No, not Cooney's last fight, wise guy. It's the anniversary of man's first walk on the moon.

We understand that in spite of photographic evidence, there are a small, but insistent number of people who refuse to believe that Neil Armstrong really stepped on the lunar surface in 1969. We suspect that a much larger number of people will not believe that Gerry Cooney is actually stepping into a prize ring.

A RIDDLE

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SMALL HOLE in the palm of a boxing glove, through which padding can secretly be removed?

Answer: The Panama Canal

LIGHTWEIGHT SHOWDOWNS

IF HECTOR CAMACHO WANTED TO COME up to lightweight to fight Boom Boom Mancini, and Aaron Pryor wanted to come down to lightweight to fight Mancini, with Mancini now knocked out of the picture why don't Camacho and Pryor go fight each other at that weight?

"If Pryor agrees to make a weight of 134 two hours before the fight, I'll fight him," says Camacho.

Don't hold your breath waiting for that, but Camacho, who is rapidly growing too big for his junior lightweight title, will apparently have to come up anyway.

Camacho has done some mouthing off at Livingstone Bramble in the weeks since Bramble dethroned Mancini and a Bramble-Camacho fight may be in the works. If Camacho beats Bramble and Mancini beats any live body in a comeback fight, then a Camacho-Mancini fight could be signed for the big dollars that everyone had previously planned.

If the Mancini comeback stalls, there's still plenty of great action out in the lightweight division. Edwin Rosario, the hard-hitting WBC champion who had been overshadowed by the popular Mancini, suddenly

has the limelight with his defense against '76 Olympic champion Howard Davis.

All "Macho" talk aside, Camacho has his work cut out for him if he hopes to establish himself as the top lightweight.

MORE ON 'NO MAS'

NO MATTER HOW MANY MORE TITLES he wins or loses, Roberto Duran will never live down the memory of "No mas." Like the Tunney-Dempsey "long count" and the Muhammad Ali "anchor punch" that did or did not knock out Liston, Duran's surrender of the Welterweight Title to Sugar Ray Leonard will always arouse controversy among boxing fans.

Did he or didn't he have stomach cramps? Duran still swears he did. Duran's two veteran trainers, Ray Arcel and Freddie Brown, both walked out on him after that bout. Arcel said flat out that Duran had quit for no reason, but Brown stayed mum on the subject.

But now Brown, 77, is talking. Brown told sportswriter Dick Young that the stomach cramps story was a lie, concocted by none other than Brown himself. "I couldn't stand the thought of him being disgraced. He was too great a fighter for that," Brown says. "So I said to him, 'Tell them you had bad cramps.' He had no cramps. He was in better shape than he was for the first fight with Leonard."

SAAD'S 'RUN FOR THE ROSES'

FOUR YEARS AGO AT THE BOSTON Marathon, a demented criminal from Brooklyn, N.Y. named Rosie Ruiz was awarded the medal for first female finisher. Rosie did cross the finish line, all right, and in near record time. The one hitch, though, was that she didn't run the race, having instead jumped out of a clump of bushes to cut in near the front of the pack, safely ahead of the exhausted women's leaders, more than 24 miles into the 26.2-mile jog. When this fact was revealed, embarrassed Marathon officials announced that Ruiz was disqualified and awarded a winner's medal to the irate second-finishing (but fastest) female.

Rosie, who as was later discovered, had "qualified" for Boston by "running" the earlier New York City Marathon while seated on a subway train, disappeared from view, only to briefly resurface later when she was arrested for passing fraudulent checks.

Now comes word that the competitive spirit of Rosie Ruiz lives on without her. Last month we reported that a large contingent of present and past boxers had entered the Trivera 10-mile race in Central Park in New York and that the recently retired Matthew Saad Muhammad, with a time of 1 hour and 6 minutes, finished first in that group.

We were premature. We are sorry to report that a preponderance of the evidence including testimony from fighters who'd recognize Saad, indicates that the former Light Heavyweight Champion joined the

race in the middle, somewhere along the Park Drive. Brooklyn heavyweight Eddie Gregg, with a time of 1:17 should be given credit as the first *legitimate* fighter finisher.

DR. INCONSISTENT

DR. GEORGE LUNDBERG, EDITOR OF the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, has been at it again, calling for a ban on boxing. Lundberg dismisses any evidence that other sports and activities, ie. football, hang gliding, auto racing, may be equally (or more) dangerous, with the spurious assertion that "boxing is the only sport where the objective is to cause injury."

That philosophical argument should be of major comfort to some car racer, burnt to a crisp at Indy or Daytona.

Lundberg would no doubt like to see the United States emulate Sweden, where pro boxing is outlawed. But then, two years ago, Sweden also banned children from seeing the movie, *E.T.* (Some psychologist said it's too scary.) Lundberg doesn't realize that the American principle is that people should be allowed to make their own decisions on matters affecting themselves. Nobody is telling Lundberg to box or watch the sport if he doesn't want to.

Incidentally, when Dr. Lundberg recently phoned THE RING, to pick up some information to use in his attack on boxing, he revealed that he allows patients to smoke cigarettes in his waiting room.

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June's winner is John Weber of Laurel, Md.

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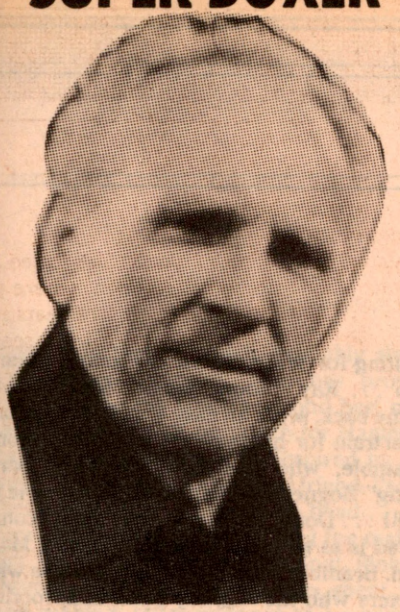

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THE SUCKERS KEEP COMING

By MICHAEL KATZ

THEY COME AND GO, AND USUALLY THEY leave wiser but poorer. They dot the map with replicas of Shelby, Montana, lured by the big bucks of boxing, never suspecting that the only bucks will be their own. Among the latest in a group that stretches from Andreoli to Zaire was JPD Sports of Dallas, Texas, headed by a former Georgia Tech halfback, Kenny Bounds.

Bounds was the wide-eyed innocent who naively thought Larry Holmes-Gerry Coetzee was this year's "Fight of the Century." He walked away, tail between his legs, about $5.5 million poorer and wiser, but not before some intense searching for another sucker to bail him out.

For several days in May, there seemed a new daily twist to the Holmes-Coetzee non-fight of the year. What was happening was boxing's version of "the check's in the mail" as Bounds desperately searched for fresh funds. During one stage, it was reported that the $16 million or so needed by JPD might be supplied by one Dr. Edward McDonald of a California group called Joe Louis Memorial Sports. It was also reported that McDonald was an old associate of Harold Rossfields Smith, prompting a telephone call from Mr. Smith to *The New York Times*:

"I never met the man in my life. And if I had $16 million, do you think I'd be calling you collect from Danbury?"

Mr. Smith's current address, of course, is the fine Federal penitentiary in Danbury, Connecticut.

BECAUSE OF THE ABUNDANCE OF SUCKER money lately, boxing's established promoters—Don King, Bob Arum and Dan Duva—have been forced to lay low. There don't figure to be any major fights until after this summer, certainly not until the Olympic Games in Los Angeles are concluded. This should be a time for consolidation and promoters, especially the fly-by-nights King calls "yardbirds," would do well to heed the warning of Mike Trainer:

"The money isn't there like it used to be," said Sugar Ray Leonard's guru the morning after the surprise retirement pulled the rug out from what would have been 1984's biggest bout, Leonard vs. Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Trainer said Leonard could have expected to make "only" from $12 million to $15 million for that super bout. Remember, Leonard pulled in $12 million against Thomas Hearns three years ago, so obviously boxing is not keeping up with inflation. Trainer said the pay television market has virtually crumbled and closed-circuit isn't what it used to be. It will, of course, take time for some fighters to realize their net worth has gone down. It's enough to make Hagler, Hector Camacho, Aaron Pryor and Larry Holmes cry.

Enough to make a Macho Man cry?

SOME FEARLESS PREDICTIONS: GERRY Cooney will knock out his former sparring partner, Phillip Brown, within three rounds. Shortly thereafter, Cooney will announce his retirement . . . Cooney's desire has always been questionable, and although anyone who watched the Tim Witherspoon-Greg Page fiasco last March 9 must hope for the big kid to infuse some excitement into the heavyweight division, we'll be better off waiting for Willie DeWit of Canada to turn pro . . . Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini will come back, score an easy knockout then not overtrain for his rematch with Livingstone Bramble, who chewed up Kenny "Bang Bang" Bogner's similar press-ahead style in 1981 . . . Don't get to thinking Mr. Coconut Head is as good as he looked against Mancini. Bramble will always have trouble with boxers who move away from him, forcing him to abandon his crablike defense. . . . "You're under arrest" will be a frequently heard expression in boxing this summer if indeed the FBI probe into the sport is near an end . . . . While Gerrie Coetzee's bravery grows in inverse proportion to his opponent's punching power (see Michael Dokes), I still don't see how he can beat Larry Holmes. Coetzee's so-called "bionic" right hand wears down in later rounds just like the rest of his body . . . . It was the poor taping jobs done on Coetzee by his father, Flip, that caused the hand problems originally.

SOME BITCHES: WHY DOES ESPN INSIST upon breaking away from a fight for a commercial before the round is over? Then, to make matters worse, they usually show highlights of the preceding round while the action has resumed . . . . How can the WBA and the WBC, which usually don't agree, both list Greg Page as the No. 1 heavyweight contender after his dismal performance against Witherspoon? Is Don King afraid his champions can't handle Mike Weaver? . . . . . Where did the WBA find those incompetent judges who had Mancini ahead of Bramble? . . . . . Is Madison Square Garden still standing? . . . . California has turned into an old-age home with so-called rebirth of fighters like Pipino Cuevas, Gato Gonzalez, Bobby Chacon and Bazooka Limon. If they want old-timers days out there, why not Ali-Frazier or Zale-Graziano?

MORE FEARLESS PREDICTIONS: JOHN Mugabi will be knocked out by the first decent puncher he faces. The Ugandan slugger, who leaves himself wide open with his frequent misses, has to have a questionable chin after James Green, no great puncher he, hard-rocked him . . . . Hagler, in a state of depression after watching the millions fly away with Leonard's latest retirement, will have a very, very tough time with Mustafa

PHOTO BY SHELTON MINOR

Hamsho in their rematch, probably slated for October. Hamsho, who has proven himself to be the world's second best middleweight although no match for Hagler in their first meeting, will be inspired by the memory of his late trainer and friend, Paddy Flood, and will fight over his head .... If they ever get around to making the match, Tim Witherspoon will knock out Pinklon Thomas .... Johnny Bumphus spent too long making 140 pounds not to be permanently weakened and will find that full welterweights hit even harder than juniors. A shame, since Bumphus is one very classy boxer .... Mark Breland will not win a pro welterweight title. He will, however, win the middleweight crown and maybe even more .... Donald Curry will continue to improve and become one of boxing's biggest stars by next year ..... Albert Davila and Lupe Pintor will be one hell of a fight, and while Pintor figures to win, the Mexican has been having trouble making 118 pounds so Davila has a good chance .... Lenny (Boom Boom I) Mancini will not come out of retirement to win back his kid's title.

WITH LITTLE FANFARE, JEAN-MARIE EMEBE of the Cameroons moved up into the light-heavyweight division and scored a 10-round decision over perennial top ten challenger Johnny Davis. Emebe, managed by Mike Jones, should make a good match (even TV might be interested) with Davis' more talented brother, Eddie, who is managed by Dennis Rappaport. "I'd love it," said Jones. "The problem is dealing with Dennis." It would be lovely to see the Whackos working opposite corners.

SOME FINAL FEARLESS PREDICTIONS: Wilfred Benitez will never be in a major fight again. He's shot .... Larry Holmes will be the next "Great White Hope." Remember, he's the guy who said "I'll never fight for Bob Arum as long as I'm black." Of course, he may not yet fight for Arum .... Though his fighter finally lost, Dave Wolf will finally get recognition for the magnificent way he handled Mancini and receive many votes, belatedly, as manager of the year. And if Ray does beat Bramble (fearless predictions are also fallible), he'll win the award he deserved in 1983 .... The 1985 fight of the year will be between Camacho and Pryor.... □

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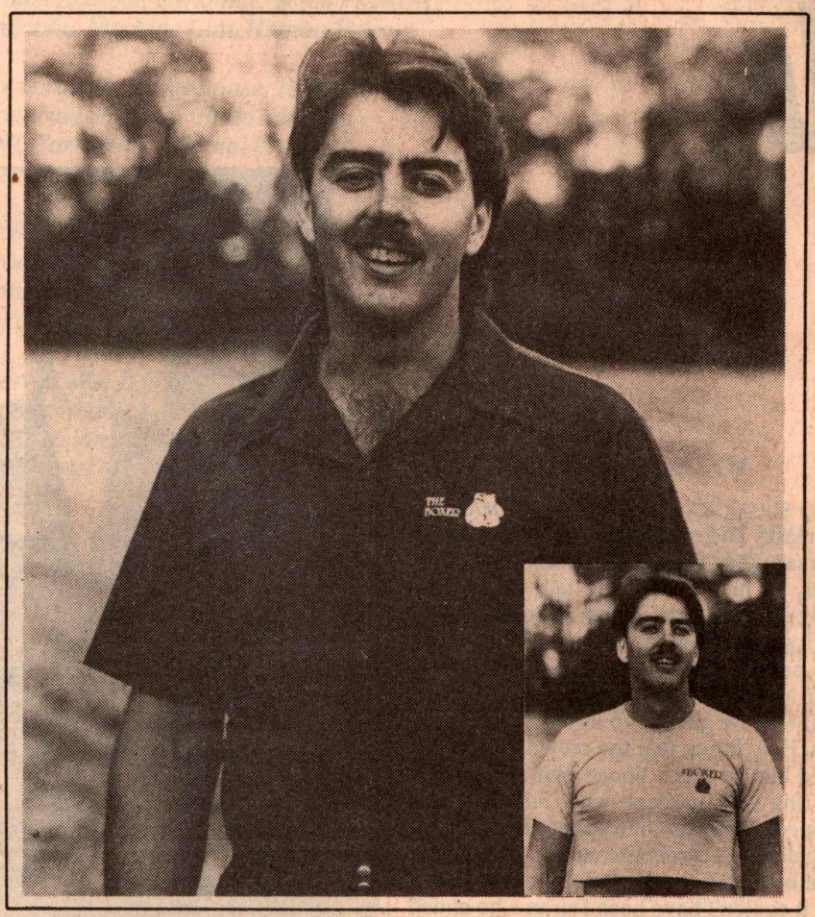

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PAUL DOUGLAS
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

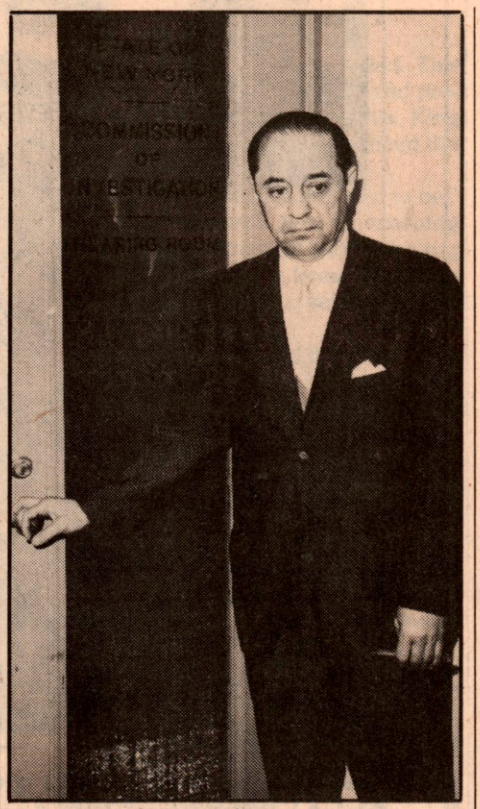
REMEMBERING RUBY

THE DEATH OF FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT boxer and superb referee, Ruby Goldstein, brought back memories of his career.

When Ruby was 18 (in 1926) he trained in Stillman's Gym with a light heavyweight. Ruby weighed 138 pounds. Both boxers had 16-ounce training gloves. Ruby feinted with his left and threw a thunderbolt right hand that caught the big guy and knocked him colder than mackerel.

Ruby was a pale, frail-looking youth, skinny (he was about 5 ft. 10 in.) with soulful brown eyes. Nobody knew where his punching power came from.

Ruby was a truly great referee. It's a



shame that he's most remembered for his one big mistake: not stepping in on time to stop the Griffith-Paret fight in 1962.

ADOLPH ARM
Rego Park, N.Y.

THE 'RIGHT' TO FIGHT

JAMES SCOTT, A LEADING LIGHT HEAVYweight contender, was permitted to fight professionally although he was, and is, a prisoner at Rahway State Prison in New Jersey. (I think he's in for manslaughter.) Yet, Tony Ayala, who is now incarcerated in New Jersey for rape, burglary and whatever else, is denied the chance to fight.

Is there any reason that THE RING feels that for the state of New Jersey to deny Tony Ayala the same privileges as Scott is not discriminatory? After all, his crime was not as big as Scott's.

Of course, nobody who follows boxing will claim Ayala's any less of a contender, either.

How about writing up a case for him to continue fighting while in prison just as others have been permitted to do.

SEYMOUR MIDDLESBERG
Hawthorne, Calif.

● ***When you're sent to prison, it goes with the territory that you may be prevented from engaging in your favorite hobby or profession. If you're a TV repair man, a stockbroker or a mountain climber, chances are you won't be able to pursue that activity while you're in jail.***

That the New Jersey Prison authorities, for whatever reasons, permitted James Scott to box, does not all of a sudden make that an inalienable right. If Tony Ayala Jr. ever boxes again, THE RING will cover it. If he doesn't, too bad! We're not about to tell New Jersey what privileges to grant its criminals. The operative advice for Ayala comes from the old* Baretta *TV series, to wit: "Don't do the crime if you can't do the time."
—Editor

CHANDLER GOT WHAT HE DESERVED

I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE OVERrated, showboating Jeff Chandler finally dethroned by a much more talented Richard Sandoval. Jeff Chandler's days of making a mockery of the sport of boxing are over. He has been shown that there are those who can't and won't be intimidated by his clowning, though in this fight he rarely had a chance to clown. He only complained of imagined fouls against him. In fact, he complained so much, he made himself very unpopular with the majority of the crowd.

Sandoval controlled the fight from the opening bell to when the bout was mercifully stopped in the 15th. In my opinion, Chandler, to that point, had not won a single round.

The question in my mind is: Why, at the time of this writing, did THE RING have Sandoval rated a ridiculous 8th?

I predict that the very talented Richard Sandoval will enjoy a long reign as the World Bantamweight champ, and I hope to see a lot more about him in future issues of THE RING.

SUSAN WRIGHT,
Laurinburg, N.C.

THE RATING GAME

HOW DO THE RING'S SUPPOSED EXPERTS rate fighters? If they rate on height and reach, then Milton McCrory is the best welterweight in the world. But if they rate on boxing ability, ability to take a punch, defense and quality of opposition, he isn't. Donald Curry and Marlon Starling would be 2 to 1 favorites to beat him. McCrory would be hard-pressed to beat anyone rated in the top five by RING.

I would also like to know how THE RING fills its World Champions slots. In the May issue, four titles are held to be vacant. They've been vacant for quite some time.

ALAN RITTER
Reading, Calif.

I HAVE BEEN A BOXING FAN FOR OVER ten years now, and like most other boxing fans I am disgusted with the dirty politics of the sport. I find relief from the biased WBC and WBA ratings with the overall quality of the RING Ratings. But I do have problems with the RING Ratings. Since the retirement of Ray Leonard no one has taken his place as World Welterweight Champion. The title is also vacant in the Junior Welterweight, Lightweight, and Junior Featherweight divisions. These divisions lack champions because of retirement or a fighter moving up in weight. In either case the previous number one contender should be advanced to the champion status. Or, go out on a limb and pick whoever you personally think is qualified. Or put the decision in the readers' hands and call for a vote. Do anything but do not leave the titles vacant! The RING Ratings are the most respected in the world: Be a leader and fill all vacancies!

RODNEY PAUL HASSINGER
Howell, Mich.

● ***1. THE RING's International ratings panel now rates Curry above McCrory, in agreement with reader Ritter. 2. The simplest way to fill a vacant title is for the top two contenders to fight each other. However, the top two contenders generally each hold a WBA or WBC title and those two groups deliberately prevent these unification fights from occurring. If THE RING would arbitrarily "award" World Championships as reader Hessinger suggests, these championships would be hollow indeed.***
—Editor

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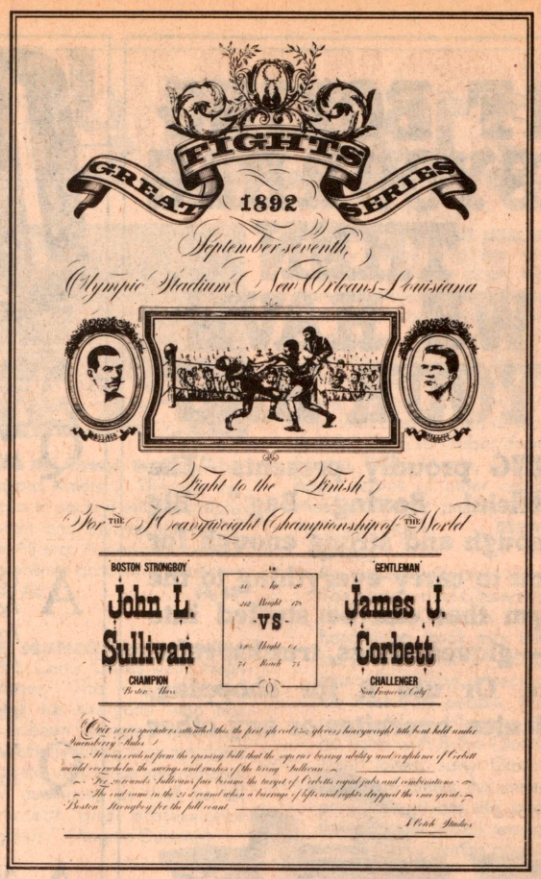

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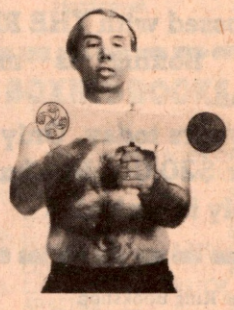

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—RAFAEL MORFIN
Los Angeles, Calif.

A *Olivares compiled an 87-12-2 log (77 kayoes) in a pro career that stretched from 1964 to 1981. The lightest that he ever weighed for a world title bout was 117—his weight for the last of his three fights with Chucho Castillo.*

Q When and where did Benny Leonard make his pro debut?

—JOHN ADLER
Troy, New York

A *At the old Fordham A.C. in the Bronx against one Mickey Finnegan. Mickey halted Benny on a bloody nose in the third session of a scheduled four-rounder. The precise date is not available, but it was around October, 1911. Leonard, at the time, was 15 and a half years old.*

Q Who was the first outstanding Mexican fighter?

—JULIO CRUZ
Pomona, Calif.

A *Aurelio Herrera. He was born, of Mexican parentage, in San Jose, Calif. on June 17, 1876. Herrera was one of the top featherweights at the turn of the century.*

Q How old was Ceferino Garcia when he died?

—FERNANDO RIVERA
Fresno, Calif.

A *Garcia, who died in San Diego on January 1, 1981, was either 68, 70, 74, or 77, depending on which birthdate you accept. The Ring's files on Garcia list his date of birth as August 26, 1910. Old record books say that he was born in 1912. Funeral notices in January, 1981 said he was born in 1906 and other sources claimed that he was born in 1903. Garcia fought a 12-round draw with Ignacio Fernandez in Manila in February, 1927 and probably started boxing as a pro in 1925. The 1906 birthdate would seem therefore, to be correct. That would make Ceferino 74 at the time of his death.*

Q Who holds the record for consecutive first round kayo losses?

—ALBERT CARLSON
Carson City, Nev.

A *The record appears to be the 12 times Jesse Clark was dispatched in one round or less from February 9, 1980, when Ed Bednark took him out in Clarksburg, to October 23, 1982, when Vernon Griffen stopped him in Ypsilanti, Mich.*

Q Did Maxie Rosenbloom ever fight Max Baer?

—JOE KEEFE
Evansville, Ind.

A *No.*

Q Who refereed the Joe Lynch-Pete Herman title fight in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn?

—JACOB SILVERSTEIN
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A *Patsy Haley. Haley refereed five world bantamweight title bouts in a row: Lynch-Herman, Herman-Lynch, Buff-Herman, Buff-Sharkey. and Lynch-Buff.*

Q Has *The Ring* ever recognized the junior bantamweight division?

—HAROLD SAYERS
Columbus, Ohio

A *No.*

Q Did Nat Fleischer see the Corbett-Sullivan fight in 1892?

—JAMES FINCH
Lowell, Mass.

A *No. His father-in-law, A.D. Philipps, did.*

Q What was the most Joe Louis ever weighed for a fight (not an exhibition)?

—KENNY ROBBINS
New York, N.Y.

A *The 218 he weighed for Ezzard Charles.*

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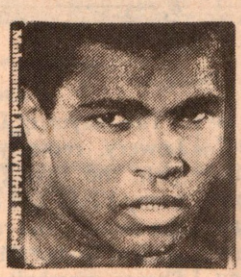

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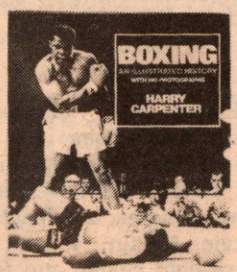

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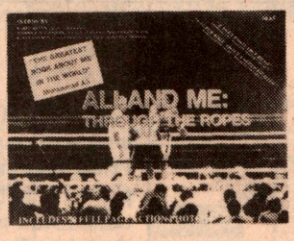

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By CHARLIE SPINA

RING 1 OF PHILADELPHIA, HELD ITS 49th annual Mother's Day Banquet at Palumbo's nightclub in South Philly. A large turnout was on hand as the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame entered into its scrolls the names Ralph Lake, Steve Traitz Sr., Vic Capcino and Ed Keenan. Two departed members were also inducted. They were Tony Cisco and Marty Mellett. VBA Ring 1 also honored Ann Sweeney as 1984's "Woman of the Year." The newly-elected officers of Ring 1 VBA, Inc., are: Charles Santore, President; Ralph Lake, Vice-President and Chairman of the Board; Ed Nodler, Secretary; Frank Windy, Recording-Financial Secretary; Johnny Aiello, Treasurer; and Freddy Martucci, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Charles Earl Lloyd, criminal attorney from Los Angeles, is the new Attorney for the Golden State Boxers' and Wrestlers' Association. Twenty years ago, Lloyd served as attorney for Heavyweight Champion Charles "Sonny" Liston. He also served as an attorney for former World Junior Welterweight Champion Aaron Pryor. Lloyd is a former Los Angeles policeman and had another former L.A. cop—Tom Bradley—working under him at his law firm before Bradley went on to become mayor of the City of Angels.

Stephen Macht, the Philadelphia-born Jewish actor, who recently was cast as the traitorous Benedict Arnold in the CBS telecast of the eight-hour mini-series *George Washington*, portrays Max Schmeling in the TV movie, *Ring of Passion*, about the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling confrontations. Today, Schmeling is 78 and lives in Germany, where he is a Vice-President of the Coca-Cola Company.

Some chit-chats relayed to me by Pete Caparell of Boston: Johnny Wilson, the former Middleweight Champion, now lives in Brighton, Mass., with his sister. The old champ still drives a car and chomps on his cigar with regularity...Former Heavyweight King Jack Sharkey, who makes his residence at Epping, New Hampshire, is now working on his memoirs...Al "Red" Priest recently lost his wife...Ralph "Ripper" Zannelli, former welterweight contender and now a referee, is as bald as an eagle!...Georgie Martin, former New England welterweight champ and leading world contender, is known as an activist in the Boston area. He is striving to get an old, abandoned fire station to use as a VBA clubhouse—rent free..."Coogie" McFarland, a versatile cornerman, recently passed on...Ex-amateur champion and New England middleweight king Jackie Caparell (Pete's brother) is working for the Boston Red Sox as a security guard...Bosox Maintenance Chief Joe Mooney is a booster for retired fighters and hires them when work is available. Georgie Martin was chief usher for a few years at Fenway Park ...Former featherweight boss Sal Bartolo is very active in VBA affairs and never misses the annual banquet held at the staid old historic hotel, "The Bradford." I give special thanks to Pete Caparell, a former World War II correspondent for THE RING.

"IRISH" JOEY ROWAN, FORMER HEAVYweight and light heavyweight contender of the 1950s celebrated his 50th birthday on May 15. He still lives in Phoenixville, Pa. He is the father of six children and a grandfather of three. His pro record was 40-16-1, and he was a stablemate of Joey Giardello and Wallace "Bud" Smith. Some of his opponents were: Harold Carter, Roy Harris, Willie Pastrano, Bob Satterfield, Charlie Norkus, Wayne Bethea, Chuck Spieser, Johnny Holmes, Bert Whitehurst, Pat McMurtry, Orville Pitts and other outstanding talent. Today, "Irish" Joey runs a gym called the "Valley Forge Boxing Club" and has two sons who fight. Joe Jr. was the Harrisburg light heavyweight champion in 1979 and Tony won the 1983 Delaware State light heavyweight title. Papa Joey also manages up and coming lightweight Joey Pickett.

Ruthe Deskin, widow of Jim Deskin, former Executive Secretary of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, is a columnist for the Las Vegas Sun. She informs us that former welterweight champion Jackie Fields is at the Reseda Arms Convalescent Home, 7836 Reseda Blvd., Reseda, Calif. 91335. Fields, a former commissioner in Nevada, would certainly welcome cards and letters from old friends.

The mayor of Dodge City, Kansas, Beryl Lowery, recently appointed Jim Balukevich, the roving boxing ambassador for many VBA's and Halls of Fame throughout the country, the rank honorary deputy marshall of Dodge City. Mayor Lowery and Jim Sherer, marshall of Dodge City, presented Balukevich with a gold badge. Congratulations, Jim!

CARMINE FATTA, OF NEWBURGH, N.Y., who is the upstate area publicist for the United State VBA and former top-10 lightweight, writes, "Our association is working on the idea of establishing a home for retired fighters. The more we look around, the more we feel a need for one. Such great fighters as Young Corbett III, Freddie Steele, Jackie Fields, Mushy Callahan and Lou Brouillard are resigned to spending the rest of their lives in rest homes. It would be nice if they could all be together the rest of the way."

Charles "Rosey" W. Stoy, passed on recently after a brief illness. The former bantamweight from Lancaster, Pa., began his boxing career in 1917 and fought his last bout in 1933, having had over 200 bouts. He fought under the name "Rosey Stoy," and faced Sid Terris, Bud Taylor, Benny Bass and many other of the top names of his era. A tough southpaw, he was known as "The Blond Tiger" and boxed out of Youngstown, Ohio. With his death at age 82, he was the last of the oldtimers of his generation, as Buck Aston, Tim Droney, Johnny Gill and Leo Houck all have passed on.

Former light heavyweight of the 1920's, Tony Marullo, passed away at 82 in a Louisiana hospital. Battling Siki, Mike McTigue, Paul Berlenbach, Jack Delaney, Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Slattery, Harry Greb, Young Stribling, Martin Burke, Maxie Rosenbloom and Leo Lomski were among the top names Marullo faced.

John Joseph Monaghan, 63, the former flyweight champion, passed away in Belfast, Ireland. Monaghan, better known as "Rinty," won the flyweight crown in 1947 when he defeated Dado Marino in 15 rounds in London. After three successful defenses, he retired from boxing in 1950.

Larry Young, former boxer and member of Ring 21 in Brooklyn, N.Y., died in April of cancer. He is a former amateur referee and a ring announcer. Larry is survived by his wife and family.

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THE EDUCATION OF MARK BRELAND

The U.S.A.'s "sure shot" for an Olympic Gold got his schooling at the New York Golden Gloves. Watching Breland, a reporter learned a few things as well.

By TOMMY HANRAHAN

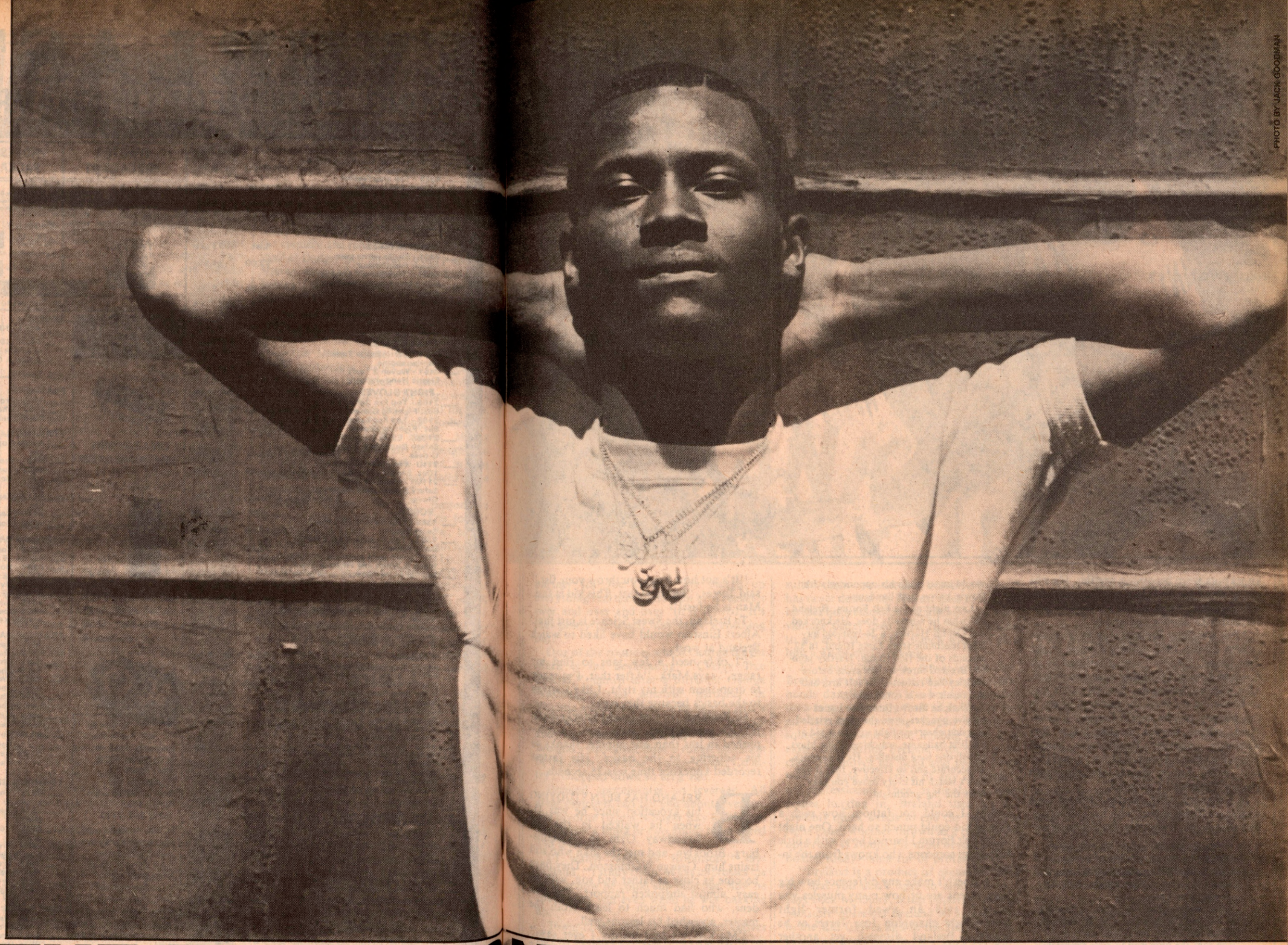
WHEN I TOOK ON THE JOB OF covering the Golden Gloves for the New York *Daily News* five years ago, I knew very little about boxing. Much of that first year was devoted to picking up some rather basic knowledge, such as the difference between a jab and a hook, so it should come as no surprise that I failed to notice another newcomer to the 58-year-old tournament, a 16-year-old Brooklynite named Mark Breland.

Mark weighed 139 pounds then and stood a shade under six feet. Like most who are ignorant of what it is that makes a really powerful fighter, I initially dismissed Breland as hopelessly skinny and incapable of doing what must be done in the ring. This brilliant observation came in the face of a record of four knockouts and one decision.

That decision is notable. It came on March 5, 1980, against Freddy Mejia. Breland had to climb off the canvas to win. He didn't have to go the distance again for the remainder (18 more fights) of his Golden Gloves career. On his way to rewriting the Golden Gloves record book were five consecutive championships and a 22-0 record, which included 21 knockouts, 14 in the first round. Three of those first-rounders came in this year's tournament.

By my second year covering the NYGG and with some 500 bouts under my belt—enough to educate even a blind writer—I began to take notice of the now-147-pound stringbean welterweight from one of the roughest neighborhoods on this planet, Bedford-Stuyvesant. Breland, though a product of the drug and crime-ridden streets of Bed-Stuy, always was able to steer himself away from trouble and onto the right road.

In his second year in the Gloves, all but one of Breland's opponents were rudely introduced to the canvas in the first round. Following his second Golden Gloves title, Breland disposed of the Chicago Golden Gloves champion in 66 seconds in an Inter-City match. By this time, Breland's



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knockouts were becoming prettier. He was going about his craft like a skilled matador whose only concern is that his task be performed with dignity and grace.

After watching Breland stop his first opponent of the 1982 Golden Gloves in the first round, I knew I was privileged to sit down and cover a budding young superstar. This willowy fighter was headed on his way to becoming perhaps the greatest boxer in the history of the world-famous tournament, whose alumni include Sugar Ray Robinson, another Brooklynite named Floyd Patterson, Howard Davis Jr. and current WBC junior lightweight champion Hector "Macho" Camacho.

In February, 1982, Breland heated up a couple of frosty nights with his tecnhician-like stoppages. I wrote in the *Daily News*:

> "Breland is 18, stands six feet, and comes from one of the most depressed areas of the Big Apple—Bedford Stuyvesant. If he were a heavyweight, he'd be another Joe Louis.
>
> Currently ranked No. 1 in the country at 147 pounds, Breland is so far superior to the rest of the 147-pound open division that the only way to even things up would be to equip his opponents with Bowie knives and handguns.
>
> Last night at the Felt Forum, Breland did what he normally does. He knocked out Dennis Hartley, a 24-year-old aircraft mechanic from Long Island, in 32 seconds of the first round. Hartley jabbed, Breland threw a right cross before Hartley had retracted his left arm and the result was a concussion.
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> When he throws those few but explosive punches, even the most grizzled ringside observers light up like a kid at his first ballgame, watching Willie Mays punch one long distance. He is so quick, so accurate and so effective, that if you don't watch his every move you may miss the big goodnight."

Still, I could not fathom how such a skinny kid could punch so hard. One night at the Felt Forum I learned how, with a little help from someone who knows from the inside out.

"It doesn't make any difference how big your biceps are or how many muscles you have," said an awed former light heavyweight champion Jose Torres as he watched Breland dispatch yet another fellow New Yorker.

"It's not how hard you throw your fist," said Torres, "but how fast. This kid is fast. Man is he fast!"

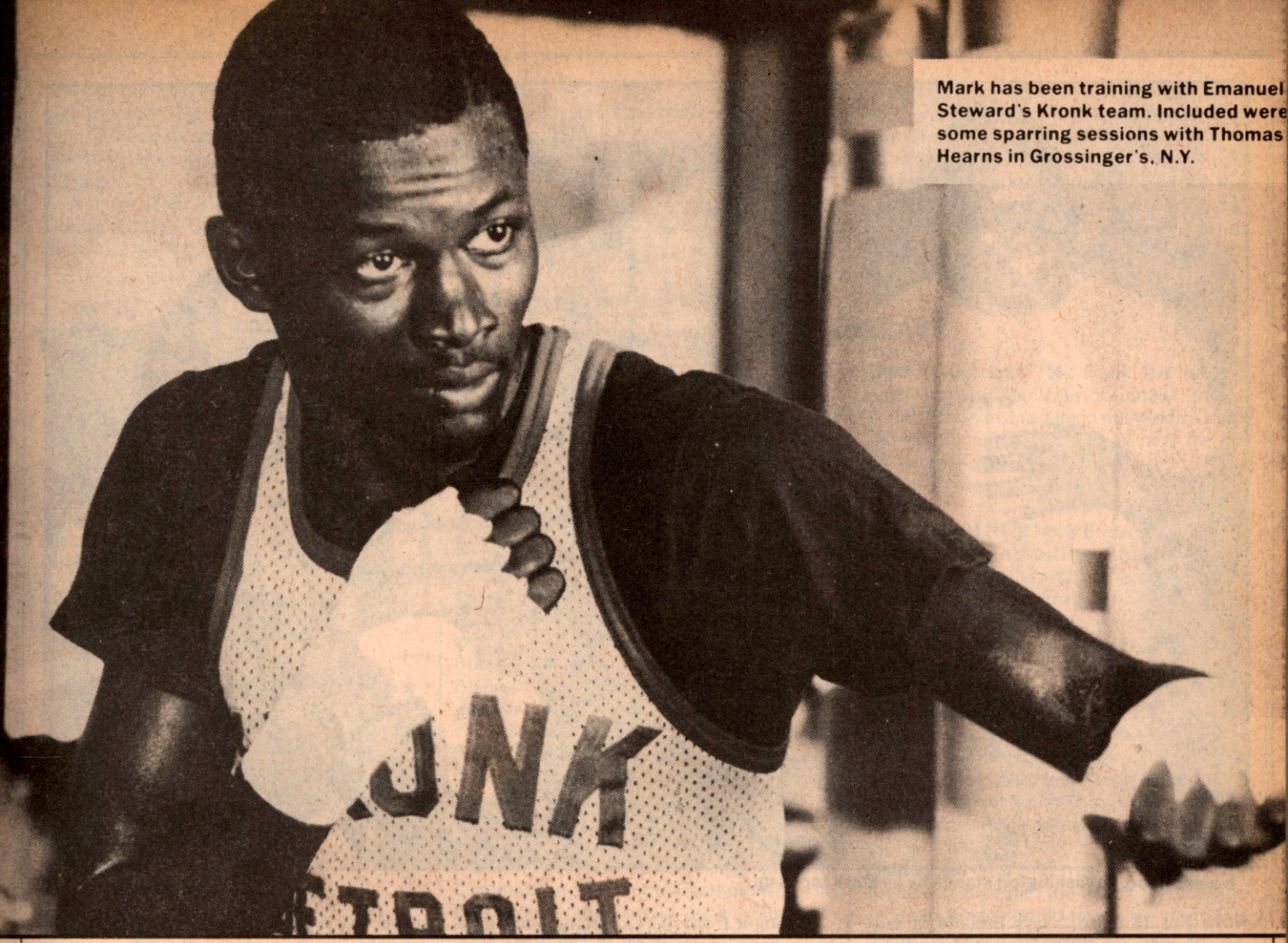
To Breland, the Sweet Science is just that. Albert Einstein would have liked to watch Breland at work.

"I only need a few jabs to find my range," says Mark. "After that, I'm ready to drop them with my right. I like sticking to the basics because they work."

Of Breland's 14 first-round knockouts in NYGG competition, eight were accomplished in less than one minute, thanks to his adhering to the basics. His fastest recorded knockout time was 25 seconds.

BRELAND HAS BEEN STUDYING his avocation since he was 11, when he walked in the old Broadway Gym in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and met the man who still trains him, George Washington. They have become as close as father and son, with an easy, almost unspoken rapport. The student, who had much to learn from the master, absorbed his lessons well.

"Mark is the best learner I ever saw," says Washington, who was once a sparring



Mark has been training with Emanuel Steward's Kronk team. Included were some sparring sessions with Thomas Hearns in Grossinger's, N.Y.

partner for Joe Louis. "He picked up everything real quick and then he'd repeat it over and over and over 'til it flowed. It's real pretty to watch him work something out."

One of the routines which George taught Mark is the devastating, "Cherry Tree Special," named after a different George Washington, an amateur gardener in Virginia a couple of centuries ago. A left, a right and a left hook compose its melody and the result is usually the same—Breland's opponent does a rough imitation of the cherry tree the "Father of our Country" chopped down so long ago.

Breland concentrates on leverage. All great punchers can tell you about leverage. His favorite fighter is Sugar Ray Robinson, who knew a thing or two about hand speed and leverage.

"I watch tapes of Robinson," says Breland. "I study them. What impresses me most is how he could slip punches, how he could hurt you even when he was backing up."

Towards the end of his Golden Gloves career, Breland could afford to toy with his opponents. Not that he taunted them or insulted their considerable bravery. Breland has never done that. He just likes to win. So he uses his tremendous height and reach advantage better than most fighters, looking to get in that one big punch will will give him a 45-second workout.

To accomplish his quick knockouts, Breland stands in front of his opponents, hands dangling low. His head, supported on a long, seemingly frail neck, makes for an extremely inviting target. However, squeezing mercury and holding onto it is easier than hitting Breland with solid punches. He moves his head and upper body with the ease and grace of any of today's top professionals. Then, as the shorter man comes lunging in, Breland uses his incredibly quick hands to end the fight. His right hand, whether thrown as a cross or an uppercut, is among the most devastating in boxing today—amateur or professional.

"Breland is a product of organized boxing that you don't have in most places," says Dick McGuire, a top amateur referee. McGuire observed Breland as a youngster in the Kid Gloves and in the Junior Olympics, two programs in New York for boys under 16.

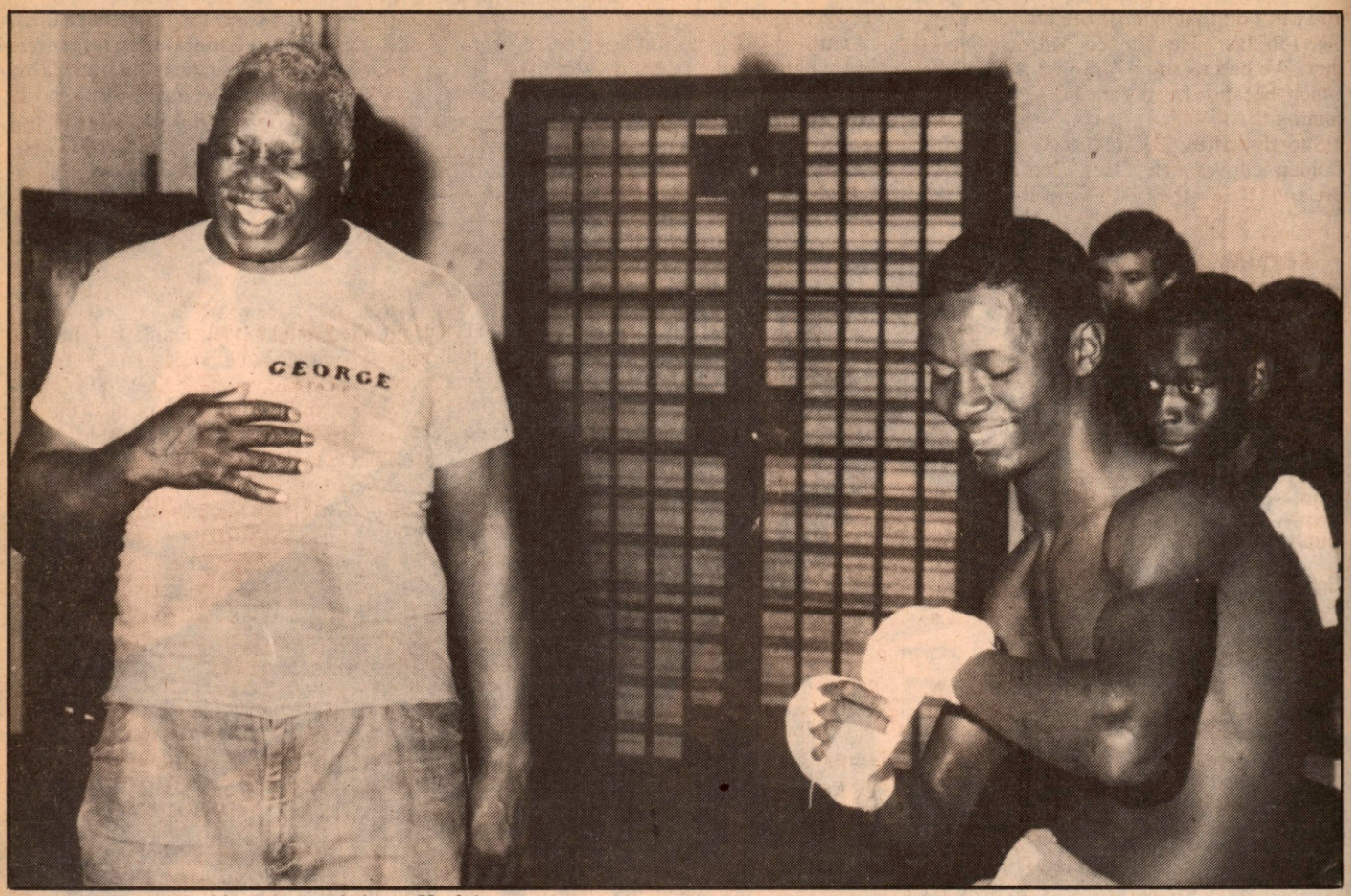
"After those tournaments, Breland went to the New York Golden Gloves," related McGuire, "where he had ample opportunity to grow as a boxer."

As Breland grew—in talent and popularity—so did his list of goals. One of those goals was to win the Golden Gloves five times. Another goal is to win an Olympic championship. A third goal is to become a professional champion.

"I wanted to win the Gloves five times, because nobody ever did that before," said Breland. It's history. Nothing can touch history and being a part of it. Even if someone comes along and wins five again, I'll always be the first man to have done it. When you look at how many great fighters have fought in the Gloves, it becomes something extraordinary."

Breland says the Olympics mean a lot to him, too. He is fully aware of the financial benefits afforded an Olympic champion. All you have to do is consider the case of Sugar Ray Leonard, whose career skyrocketed and wallet bulged following his gold medal-winning performance in the '76 Olympics.

"I want to win everything and then quit



Trainer George Washington stands by as Mark tapes up.

when I'm 26 or so," says Breland, a sad-eyed, handsome young man who landed a starring role in the movie *The Lords of Discipline* after a film producer saw his photograph in a national magazine.

Breland is not the only person aware of how much he can be worth should he strike gold in Los Angeles. Dozens of businessmen have used numbers in the millions to entice him into either turning pro with them now or promising to sign with them as soon as the Olympics are over. Breland smiles a broad smile and says "Thanks, but no thanks."

There are two men Breland does listen to. One is his long time pal, Yoel Judah, the top-ranking lightweight on the professional karate circuit. The other man is rock 'n' roll impresario and fight manager Shelly Finkel, who introduced himself to Breland after one of Breland's victories in a preliminary round of the Golden Gloves in 1980. Breland recalls what happened that night:

"Shelly came over to me and said, 'Congratulations. My name is Shelly Finkel. I manage middleweight Alex Ramos. I'd like to work with you.' I said, 'Well, let's be friends. We'll see what happens. We'll take it from there.'"

Taking it from there, Breland and Finkel have been together since. They've been together through five years of Golden Gloves, through trips to Germany, Japan and numerous trips to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Reno, Charlotte and Ft. Worth. They've also been through surgery on Breland's right hand in June, 1983. Until the surgery, Breland had pain whenever he turned out a man's lights. Now, he merely has fun.

If you ask Breland what his relationship is to Finkel, Breland will say "A friend—a real, close friend." If you ask Finkel, he'll say the same thing. He may go so far as to call himself Breland's "advisor." It's teamwork.

"Right now, all Mark's efforts are concentrated on winning an Olympic gold medal," says the 40-year-old Finkel. "He's never been in better condition, physically or mentally. We just want to make sure everything goes smoothly and that Mark's ambitions are not thwarted."

Asked if he feels the Olympics will be watered down without the Cuban and Russian teams competing, Breland shrugs and says, "Let 'em stay home. I whipped 'em both already. My attitude is that the gold medal is waiting for somebody, and that somebody is going to be me, regardless. I'm no politician."

Part of Breland's preparation for the Olympics was getting good sparring. He got the best when he worked for two weeks with Junior Middleweight Champion Thomas Hearns. Their workouts left Hearns impressed.

"Breland is the best welterweight in the world today, amateur or pro," says Hearns. "He's gonna be a champion one day."

Hearns' manager, Emanuel Steward, also is high on the talented Brooklynite.

"I've never seen an amateur with the moves and power Mark has got," said Steward. "He is truly outstanding." Steward knows a thing or two about outstanding welterweights, as he is the manager of WBC welterweight king Milton McCrory.

They joke about it today, but last summer, while McCrory was training for a fight against Colin Jones, he sparred with Breland. One of Breland's quick rights decked him. Nobody from Kronk was joking then. In fact, nobody from Kronk even wanted to talk about it. But today, in the light of Breland's potential greatness, Steward says, "McCrory threw a lazy left.

You can't do that against Breland. He's too big, too fast. He popped Milton a good shot. We had to show Milton a tape of the punch because he swears he never saw it coming."

Shortly after Breland won his fifth Golden Gloves title, Jack Smith said of Breland, "He's the best I've ever seen, and I've seen a lot of 'em."

Smith covered the tourney for 35 years before handing the reigns over to me.

"You're a lucky fella'," he would say, "to see such a great fighter so early in your tenure. Usually, it takes years to see such greatness."

You were right, Jack. I don't expect to see another Breland for a long time. But then, watching and covering Breland for five years taught me enough about boxing to last a lifetime. ■

Tommy Hanrahan generally covers the crime beat at the New York* Daily News. *For Tom, the Golden Gloves are a quiet change of pace.

HOW THEY WON THE 1984 U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS

Super Heavyweight: TYRELL BIGGS
Final—dec. Craig Payne
Semi—dec. Michael Williams
Quarter—dec. Hassan Shabbazz

Heavyweight: HENRY TILLMAN
Final—dec. Michael Tyson
Semi—dec. James Pritchard
Quarter—dec. Olian Alexander

Light Heavyweight: RICKY WOMACK
Final—dec. Benny Heard
Semi—dec. Evander Holyfield
Quarter—KO 3 Orbit Pough

Middleweight: VIRGIL HILL
Final—dec. Michael Nunn
Semi—dec. Vince Boulware
Quarter—dec. Kevin Fitzpatrick

Light Middlweight: FRANK TATE
Final—dec. Ron Essett
Semi—dec. Darin Allen
Quarter—dec. Reginald Johnson

Welterweight: MARK BRELAND
Final—dec. David Gutierrez
Semi—dec. Louis Howard
Quarter—KO 1 Mylon Watkins

Light Welterweight: TIM RABON
Final—dec. John Meekins
Semi—dec. Jerry Page
Quarter—dec. Zachary Padilla

Lightweight: PERNELL WHITAKER
Final—dec. Joe Belinc
Semi—dec. Anthony Haskins
Quarter—KO 3 Clifford Gray

Featherweight: ANDY MINSKER
Final—dq. 2 Bernard Gray
Semi—dec. Derrick Robinson
Quarter—dec. Meldrick Taylor

Bantamweight: ROBERT SHANNON
Final—dec. Hesse Benavides
Semi—dec. Todd Kickman
Quarter—dec. Michael Green

Flyweight: STEVE McCRORY
Final—dec. Michael Collins
Semi—dec. Paul Banke
Quarter—dec. Les Fabri

Light Flyweight: PAUL GONZALES
Final—dec. Jose Rosario
Semi—dec. Israel Acosta
Quarter—dec. Jesus Gonzalez

dec. = won by decision
dq. = won by disqualification

Note: Official U.S. team will not be decided until Box-offs in Las Vegas.

THE FORECAST

MARK BRELAND HAS GOTTEN ALL THE "Ink", but he is by no means the only great boxer representing the United States in the 1984 Olympics. The U.S. may be sending its best squad ever to Los Angeles, a team that two months ago seemed a good bet to match the total of five gold medals won by the American fighters in Montreal in '76 and now—with Cuba, Russia and the rest of the Soviet Empire out—has a chance to double that sum. Winning 10 gold medals is a not-unreasonable goal for the U.S. boxing team, according to Bob Taylor, editor and publisher of *The Amateur Boxer,* whose division-by-division analysis follows:

Super Heavyweight: Tyrell Biggs is good—The only guy who had his humber was Teofilo Stevenson. With Cuba and Stevenson out, Biggs is a pretty sure thing. The only competition will come from Francesco Damiani of Italy. Biggs just beat Daminani in the World Championships in Los Angeles and should do it again. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Heavyweight (201 lb.): Henry Tillman was fortunate to get the decision against Michael Tyson in the finals of the Trials. Tyson gets another chance in the Box-offs and may still make the team. Tyson is an absolute dynamo. In 6 rounds he would KO Tillman. Willie deWitt of Canada beat Tillman and should do it again. If Tyson makes the team, then Tyson-deWit will be World War III with Tyson pulling an upset. **Projected U.S. finish:** Silver

Light Heavyweight (178): Ricky Womack (or Evander Holyfield, if he topples Womack in the Box-offs) should win big. He might have gotten a good fight from the Russian, Vitaly Kachanovksy, or the Cuban, Pablo Romero. But there's no one else around. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Middleweight (165): Pedro van Raamsdonk of Holland may take Virgil Hill. Joon-Sup Shin of South Korea and Brian Schumacher of England also have a shot. This one's up in the air. . . not a strong division with the Russian, Asylbeck Kimilov out. **Projected U.S. finish:** Silver

Light Middlweight (156): Frank Tate has the edge. Shawn O'Sullivan of Canada, the second choice, lost to Tate in the World Championships, but he was getting over the flu. Christophe Tiozzo of France could win a medal. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Welterweight (147): Mark Breland has beaten everyone, including the Russian, Konakbaev, who won't be here. Alexander Kunzler of West Germany should get the silver in this division, which has been decimated by the boycott. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Light Welterweight (139): Tim Rabon had a stiff time against Meekins in the Trials finals. He's getting stronger, but he does get hit a lot. He should win, but it won't come easy. Dong Kil Kim of South Korea could give him a hard time. **Projected U.S. finish.** Gold

Lightweight (132): Pernell Whitaker, like Breland, has beaten the best. Chil-Sung Jun of South Korea should finish second in this division, which ha been hit hard by the boycott. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Featherweight (125): Andy Minsker pulled a big upset, beating Meldrick Taylor in the Trials. This will be easier. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Bantamweight (119): Robert Shannon could have some trouble with Manuel Vilchez of Venezuela, Mauricio Stecca of Italy and Pedro Nolasco of the Dominican Republic. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Flyweight (112): Steve McCrory never looked better than he did in the trials. Park-Jei Suk of South Korea may give him trouble, but McCrory should be up for this one and should win. McCrory, the brother of WBC welterweight champion Milton, may win a gold medal that is hollow: the Cuban, Pedro Reyes, stopped him and he won't have a chance to avenge that. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

Light Flyweight (106): Paul Gonzalez should win the Gold. He lost to the Puerto Rican, Rafael Ramos in the Pan Am's, but that was a theft. **Projected U.S. finish:** Gold

LEONARD'S PYRRHIC VICTORY

Sugar Ray Doesn't Seem Quite The Same Anymore

By BEN SHARAV

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SUGAR RAY LEONARD
1984

May 11—Kevin Howard, Worcester, Mass. . . KO 9
(Lost World Welterweight Title)

THE LAST PRECEDING LINE WILL NOT appear in THE RING RECORD BOOK or in any other document that purports to provide the complete fighting record of Ray Charles Leonard. But those four words between the parentheses are nonetheless an appropriate rejoinder to the bout which Leonard now adamantly proclaims was—and will remain—his last.

Officially, Sugar Ray Leonard relinquished the Welterweight Championship back on November 9, 1982 at his "gala affair"/media conference at the Capital Centre near Washington. And in case anyone forgot, Donald Curry and Milton McCrory soon picked up Leonard's discarded WBA and WBC titles, respectively.

But Curry and McCrory, two fine boxers, could never drum up much public interest and Sugar Ray Leonard was a major reason for that. Leonard's retirement had come after Ray underwent surgery to repair a detached retina, surgery which was deemed successful. And although there was wide public approval for Leonard's decision to quit, the fans still viewed Ray, the conqueror of Duran and Hearns, as the king of his domain. It was hard to take any welterweight (or junior middleweight) championship fight seriously while Sugar Ray stood on the sideline, as often as not commentating on the bout for either CBS or HBO, his two TV network employers. With Leonard's supremacy at those weights taken as a "given," those "title" fights seemed like pale imitations, featuring damaged, or inferior, goods. Instead, fans and writers would constantly speculate about what would happen should Sugar Ray decide to end his retirement and go after the Middleweight Championship held by Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

When Leonard announced his return, right after fighting a pair of three-round exhibitions at Andrews Air Force Base last December, Sugar Ray declared, "This isn't a comeback. I'm back." The implication was that Ray would pick up right where he'd left off, at his third-round blast-out of challenger Bruce Finch in February, 1982.

Leonard had his schedule all worked out: First, a couple of tune-up fights. Then a bout with McCrory, wherein Ray would retake the title that Milton had borrowed. Then a few defenses, including one against Aaron Pryor, who would come up in weight for the opportunity. That should all take about a year and a half. Then Leonard would go up and take his shot at Hagler.

Leonard's only precondition was that he and his opponents would have to wear "thumbless" gloves (assumed safer for the eyes) in all of his bouts. None of the fighters mentioned as probable future foes for Sugar Ray had ever worn thumbless gloves in their life, and Leonard's demand provoked predictable, indignant grumblings along the lines of "Just-who-does-Leonard-think-he-is-to-make-up-new-rules?" But significantly, every one of the potential opponents — reigning titleholder and non-champion alike — stated that he would be willing to fight Leonard on Ray's terms. Sugar Ray was the attraction and hence, Sugar Ray would call the shots.

Leonard's return bout at the Centrum in Worcester was promoted by Dan Doyle, a New England sportsman who had promoted several of his earlier fights, and bankrolled by Home Box Office, the pay TV network that had grown up with Ray's career. Leonard was guaranteed $3 million for the non-title affair, a figure that can be put into perspective by noting that it is a full 10 times the largest purse that Donald Curry or Milton McCrory have ever earned in any of their title fights. Curry once made $300,000 for defending his belt aginst the artful, top-rated Marlon Starling; McCrory garnered the same amount for his second bout with the relentless, dangerous Colin Jones. For his $3 million, Leonard was facing Kevin Howard, whom the newspapers took to calling a "handpicked opponent."

Howard was "handpicked" in the sense that most of the world's welterweight boxers would have jumped at the chance to earn the fame and fortune ($125,000 in this case) that would come from fighting Leonard, and Ray had to choose from among them. Howard had a record of 20-4-1 when the bout was first announced (He improved that to 21-4-1 with a knockout of Michael Bradley in the interim when his fight with Leonard was pushed back from February to May due to a precautionary treatment on Leonard's right eye, deemed necessary by the Massachusetts Athletic Commission) and his major selling points were a 1982 victory over Bobby Joe Young and the fact that Kevin had never been stopped in his pro career. "The Spoiler" represented a reasonable challenge for a rusty Ray Leonard, though skeptics pointed to his two 1983 losses, to Marlon Starling and Mark Medal, in which Howard was decidedly unimpressive.

The blow-by-blow report of the Leonard-Howard fight was given in THE RING last month, and there's no need to regurgitate it here. According to Leonard, he made his decision to retire for good in the fourth round, when he was knocked down for the first time in his career. But Ray got up and attained the victory.

Ironically, the disputed ninth-round stoppage probably victimized Leonard more than Howard. It created a controversy surrounding Leonard's win where none should have existed. "The stopped it because they knew I was gonna win the decision, Howard cried later, the "they" being one Richard Flaherty, the referee. The fact is that Leonard was winning by a wide margin on two of the three official scorecards and by a narrow margin on the third and on the unofficial scorecards of most observers in the press section. Leonard had finally found his range after a long and frustrating evening and probably would have registered a convincing knockout in the 32 seconds remaining in round nine or in round 10. If Howard would somehow have managed to hang on to the final bell, then Leonard, with his deserved 2-point margin for the ninth round, would have won the fight by a clear-cut unanimous decision.

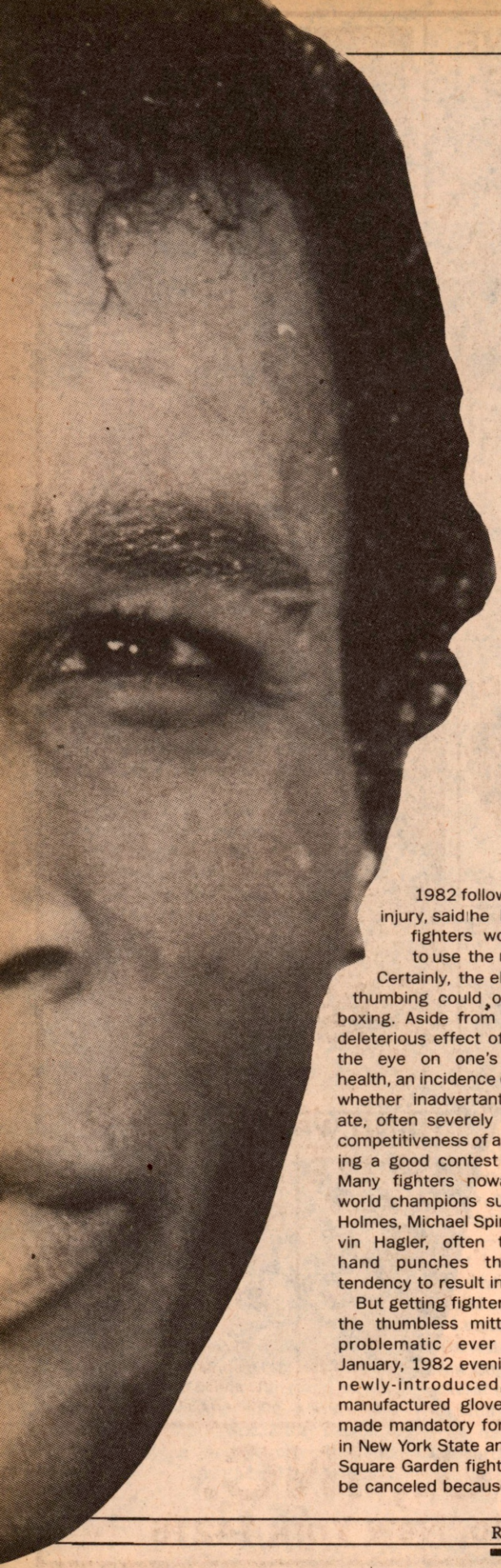
While Leonard won the fight fairly and squarely, in a sense he lost the World Welterweight Championship when that sneak right hand from Kevin Howard caught him napping and dumped him to the floor in round four. Five hundred and forty-nine days after Sugar Ray Leonard renounced the title, it took a tune-up fight that turned into a life and death struggle to show Leonard and his fans that indeed he is no longer the champion. Leonard's image has changed. When we see him working a TV fight or making one of his many public appearances, no longer will we look at him as the "champion in exile." Now he's just one among many ex-champions. Leonard can't take his throne back merely by showing up and asking for it. If he wants it, he'll have to conquer it from Curry, McCrory, Hearns or Hagler. Evidently, that's something he chooses not to try to do. ■

GLOVE STORY

SUGAR RAY LEONARD'S EMbrace of the "thumbless" glove for his abortive comeback focused new attention on the related issues of 1. building a better boxing glove and 2. getting the boxing community to support it.

"Did it feel any different fighting with thumbless gloves?" Leonard was asked after he emerged from the tougher-than-expected bout?

"They felt harder . . . They knocked me down," Sugar Ray quickly retorted. Speaking more seriously later on, the former champion, who first retired in



1982 following an eye injury, said he hoped other fighters would choose to use the new gloves.

Certainly, the elimination of thumbing could only improve boxing. Aside from the obvious deleterious effect of a thumb in the eye on one's ophthalmic health, an incidence of thumbing, whether inadvertant or deliberate, often severely reduces the competitiveness of a match, turning a good contest into a rout. Many fighters nowadays, even world champions such as Larry Holmes, Michael Spinks and Marvin Hagler, often throw open-hand punches that have a tendency to result in thumbing.

But getting fighters to support the thumbless mitts has been problematic ever since the January, 1982 evening when the newly-introduced, Everlast-manufactured gloves were first made mandatory for most bouts in New York State and a Madison Square Garden fight card had to be canceled because the boxers rebelled at the new rule.

Resistance to the thumbless glove was based chiefly on the immobile position to which it constrained the fighter's hand. Boxers complained of severe cramps and other pain. Everlast responded by making some minor modifications in the glove's design and issuing instructions on how fighters' hands should be wrapped for wearing the glove.

That seemed to solve much of the problem in New York, where the glove is mandatory for all bouts scheduled for eight rounds or shorter. The prelim fighters in New York go about their business wearing thumbless gloves without complaining. But the main-eventers, the 10-round fighters who are exempt from the rule, have stringently avoided switching to thumbless gloves and other commissions around the country have not followed New York's lead. Nonetheless, the New York commission is going ahead with its schedule of making thumbless gloves mandatory for all bouts, 10 and 12-rounders included (world championship fights excepted) beginning in October of this year.

"There's a certain hypocrisy in the people who oppose the thumbless glove," says New York commission chairman John Branca. "They know that it's safer. Look at Gerry Cooney. In the gym, they make his sparring partners wear thumbless gloves while *he* wears thumbed gloves.

"The best proof is that there has not been even one incident of a fighter suffering a serious eye injury in New York in a bout with thumbless gloves."

But still, the opposition remains strong. Foes of the thumbless glove contend that it takes much of the artistry out of the game. "Thumbless gloves cause brain damage," says Randy Neumann, the former journeyman heavyweight who is now a financial analyst in New York. Newmann's startling claim, as he explained in an article he wrote for *The New York Times*, is that thumbless gloves remove the fighter's ability to use all sorts of subtle maneuvers, reducing the sport to a pure puncher's game. Angelo Dundee, who worked Sugar Ray Leonard's corner in all of his bouts, also opposes the thumbless glove. "The thumb is the most important part of the hand," says Dundee. "You lock that up inside like in a thumbless glove and you take away all the leverage."

Dundee also reports that Sugar Ray hurt his hand in the bout with Howard, a fact which Angelo attributes to the thumbless gloves.

If the New York thumbless glove is not the final answer, the solution may be found out in California, where the commission mandates a "safety" glove. The gloves used in California look more like a traditional boxing glove than the thumbless glove, but have the thumb attached by a webbing to prevent it from jutting out. The California gloves, manufactured by Reyes and Tuffwear, are copied from the Supa-Safe glove, made in Britain by Bryan. The Bryan Supa-Safe glove is now being imported to the United States by Grant Phillips, an 18-year-old, New York city entrprenneur and his partner Jimmy Montoya, manager of a West Coast stable of fighters including World Bantamweight Champion Richie Sandoval.

Grant Phillips has been pushing the Supa-Safe glove on the East Coast, where it has met with near-unanimous approval from champions and former champions such as Billy Costello, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and even Marvelous Marvin Hagler, who said he'd have much preferred to fight Leonard using that glove than the New York thumbless. Still, chairman Branca in new York insists that his state will stick with the Everlast mitt, which may put New York at a disadvantage when the glove becomes mandatory for all bouts beginning in October. Says Madison Square Garden matchmaker Harold Weston Jr., who just put together a James Broad-Eddie Gregg heavyweight fight for the Felt Forum: "There's no way we could have gotten Broad if he'd have had to wear thumbless gloves. He'd have stayed in Atlantic City."

It can only hurt boxing if state commissions have to worry about chasing away fights by imposing strict safety standards. California, where chairman Marty Denkin says that the Supa-Safe glove will soon join the Reyes and Tuffwear models as approved, may have the most workable solution. Boxing and boxers would benefit greatly though, if standards are made consistent throughout the country and the world. ***—B.S.***

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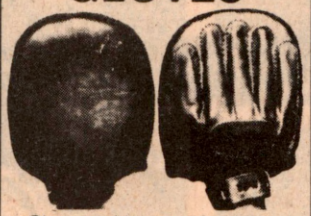

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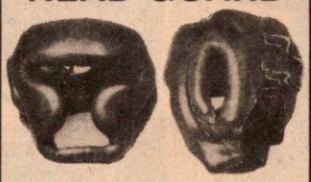

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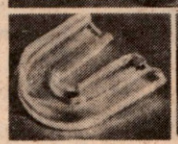

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The champion absorbs a tremendous right from the determined challenger in round four. Right: Looking like competitors in a wet T-shirt contest, referee Carlos Padilla brushes away the "Holy Water" as a curvaceous round-card girl looks on following the opening of the heavens in round seven.

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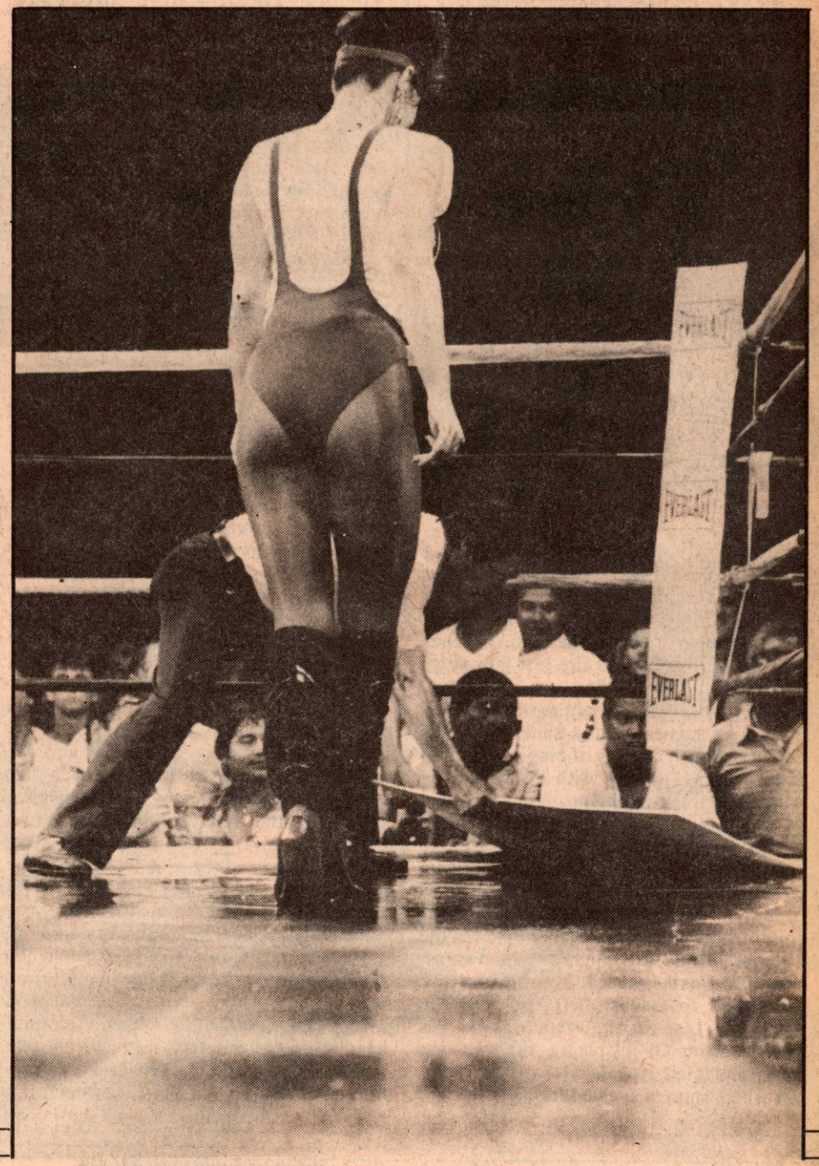
THE MIRACLE IN MIAMI

Davila Retains Title With An Assist From Some 'Holy Water'



By RANDY GORDON

IN AS STRANGE A SETTING AS THIS writer has ever seen for a title fight and under the most bizarre, horrendous weather conditions imaginable, Albert Davila retained his WBC bantamweight crown with an 11th round stoppage of THE RING's number 4-rated challenger Enrique Sanchez.

I was at ringside for the evening's title doubleheader (the other title bout being Jaime Garza's WBC junior featherweight crown defense against Felipe Orozco), doing the color analysis for the closed-circuit telecast. Al Albert provided the blow-by-blow.

Al and I arrived in Miami on Friday night, the night before the fights. Up to that day, there were whispers that the entire card might be scratched. The event was the first tri-promotion joining Don King Productions, Round One of New York and the locally-based Royale Promotions. After they built the "arena"—a makeshift structure containing capacity for 10,000, put up right on the beach across the street from the Art Deco Hotels—they found themselves beset with some cash flow problems. But at the eleventh hour some fresh money came in, reputedly from a wealthy Syrian, who indeed, was introduced to the crowd along with Alexis Arguello, Kid Gavilan, Mustafa Hamsho and other dignitaries on fight night. The "Battle on the Beach" was on.

Albert and I drew the strangest looks as we stepped out of our car on Ocean Road in front of the makeshift arena. The fans—5,800 of them—all wore shorts and sandals with either a tank top, a short-sleeve shirt or no shirt at all. Here we were, walking in their midst, wearing our black tuxedos with matching red bow ties and cummerbunds. As we walked towards the ring I thought to myself, "We look like two penguins lost on a beach."

After getting set up at ringside, I managed to spill a cup of soda all over my tuxedo pants. "At least I found a way to stay cool—soak my pants!" I laughed. I wouldn't have been laughing if I'd known how soaked I would shortly become.

There were still a few minutes—or, in this case, a few rounds—of daylight left when the opening bout of the evening began just after eight o'clock. When it was over, bantamweight Greg Richardson was awarded a unanimous 10-round decision over Colombia's Edgar Acevedo. Then came the Garza-Orozco fight (see *Ringside Reports*). Before the fights, however, came the National Anthems of the United States, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. It is said you learn something every day. Well, I learned that the Colombian National Anthem is among the longest anthems I've ever heard. Quite frankly, it seemed to be the longest song ever written. Then came the "Star Spangled Banner."

Now, I've heard people blow lines singing the "Star Spangled Banner," but never like this. The poor guy not only blew the words then went back a line or two and re-blew them, but he actually changed the tune of the "Star Spangled Banner." He may as well have been singing Lionel Richie's "All Night Long." Ring announcer Ed Derian,

who was holding the microphone in front of the singer's mouth, had a tough time keeping a straight face, made all the tougher by the color commentator, who made faces at poor Ed from ringside.

BY THE TIME DAVILA AND SANchez entered the ring, the moon over the ocean had been blotted out by heavy dark clouds which were moving toward land. One could only hope that the clouds would take plenty of time before arriving.

The first round was one of those true "feeling out" rounds, with both men doing little. Each was content to stay on the outside and size the other man up

In round two, Sanchez began to find the range with double hooks to the body and head. Twice in the final minute the challenger stung the champion with hard rights to the chin, rights which Davila saw coming but was simply not fast enough to avoid.

Sanchez began round three by dancing to his left. Davila tried to make a fight out of it, but Sanchez, who had never been stopped in building a 34-2-1 record with 23 knockouts, showed no inclination to mix it up. With :30 remaining in the round, a crisp right hand spun Davila's head. Seconds later, two lefts snapped the champion's head back. Gamely, he planted his feet and pressed forward. All he succeeded in doing was running into an avalanche of punches. Then Sanchez fired two rights at Davila. The first missed. The second landed. With :08 remaining in the round, Sanchez drilled another hard right at Davila's chin. It landed with a thud. Incredibly, he didn't fall.

Instead of coming right out and taking the fight directly to Davila to start round four, Sanchez ran. Through the first half of the round, Davila landed the only significant punch—a right to the chin. Sanchez was content to run and fire fast jabs at an always-advancing Davila.

Late in the round, a right to the body and a hook to the head found Sanchez, but he came back with a flurry of blows, including a hard right uppercut with :05 remaining which jolted the champion. As he returned to his corner, a redness was noticeable on the corner of his left eyelid.

Davila moved aggressively across the ring to start the fifth round. He fired three jabs at his 5'6" opponent, who outsized him by four inches. With :45 gone in the round, the two bumped heads. Sanchez showed no expression. Davila winced. Moments later, a hard right to Davila's left eye opened a small cut. Less than :30 later, Davila was butted again. Of all places, the butt was again on his left eye. He returned to his corner where cutman Jackie McCoy went right to work and slowed the bleeding considerably.

After running from Davila for the first :20 of the sixth round, Sanchez stepped in with a punch which landed on Davila's protective cup. Referee Carlos Padilla immediately deducted one point from Sanchez on each of the judges' cards.

The point deduction seemed to anger Sanchez and he tore into Davila with both hands. Fast hooks to the head were Sanchez' primary weapon this round, and he scored repeatedly, especially in the closing seconds. Sanchez later admitted that his furious flurries in the closing moments of each round were part of his fight plan. Through six rounds, those flurries, along with a pair of fast legs and equally fast feet, were helping Sanchez outbox and outscore the champion.

AT THE END OF THE SIXTH ROUND, my stage manager, Kevin, reported to producer David Fox, "It's starting to rain and the wind is picking up." Through my headset I heard "Randy, give us a weather report. What's going on out there?" When I turned around to face the ocean, I couldn't believe my eyes. A 50-foot light tower was falling into the bleachers. Thankfully, it was coming down in slow motion, giving the fans in those seats plenty of time to escape. The next 10 seconds were like a scene from one of those bible movies.

First came the dark, threatening clouds. Then came the high winds, howling in off the ocean. At first, we felt a spray of water. Actually, the cooling winds and ocean spray felt good on our hot, perspiring faces.

Then, there must have been a temperature inversion. The ringside temperature must have plunged 20-30° instantly. A chill racked our bodies. Then, as round seven was starting, the sky opened.

It was as if firehoses had been turned on and pointed at the ring. One second we were dry. The next we were soaked. And I mean S-O-A-K-E-D! Many of the fans at the back of the ringside section ran towards the dryness—and safety—of the hotels on Ocean Road as the rain poured and the lightning crackled. Most in the first few rows of ringside remained there, however. They were the most diehard boxing fans I've ever seen. They refused to move away from the action in the ring. They made the right choice, for the hurricane-like storm lasted less than three minutes. But while the storm lasted, Davila put it to work for him.

He turned Sanchez around, so that the rain was hitting the challenger in the face. Sanchez had trouble seeing. Davila didn't. The champion drilled right hand after right hand off Sanchez' face. Sanchez tried to hold his ground and work his fast combinations, but to no avail. For the first time in the fight, Davila was inspired.

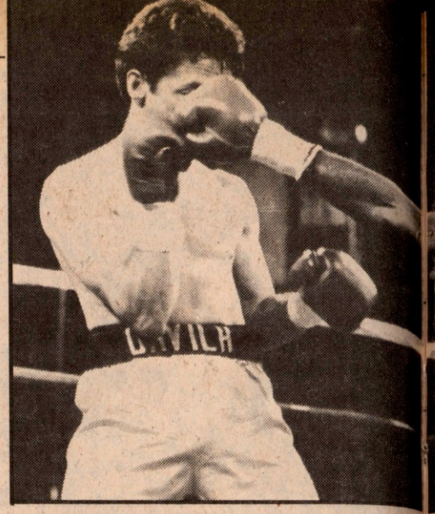
As the heavens spilled droplets the size of marbles on the area, our stage manager attempted to keep Al Albert and myself dry by covering us with plastic bags. Al and I called the fight watching our television monitors under this makeshift tent in this makeshift arena. I laughed when I looked down and saw a female fan crawling through my legs, desperately seeking a dry spot under the ring. When I glanced under the ring, my eyes opened wide. There must have been two or three dozen people under there.

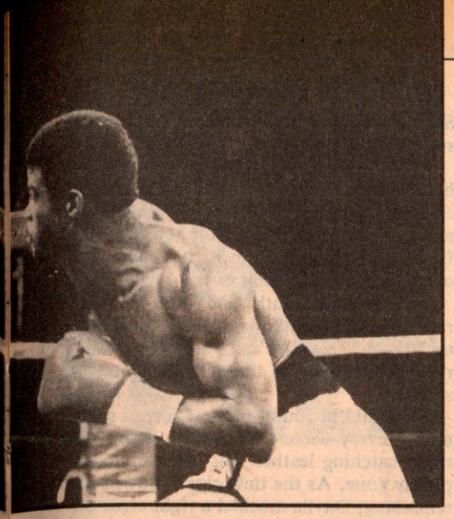
Meanwhile, Davila continued his incredible comeback. Nothing he landed was soft. Later, referee Carlos Padilla was to say, "Their gloves were soaked by the rain. Each glove was like a brick. Every time they hit each other they hurt each other. Davila was landing the harder blows, though. I think it took everything out of Sanchez."

Asked if he considered stopping the fight during the seventh-round downpour, Padilla said, "No, not at all. In the Philippines, I'm used to rain like this. This ring wasn't slippery at all. There was no reason to stop the fight. All the rain did, in my opinion, was rejuvenate Davila. It woke him up. To Davila, the rain couldn't have come along at a better time. It was a real miracle!"

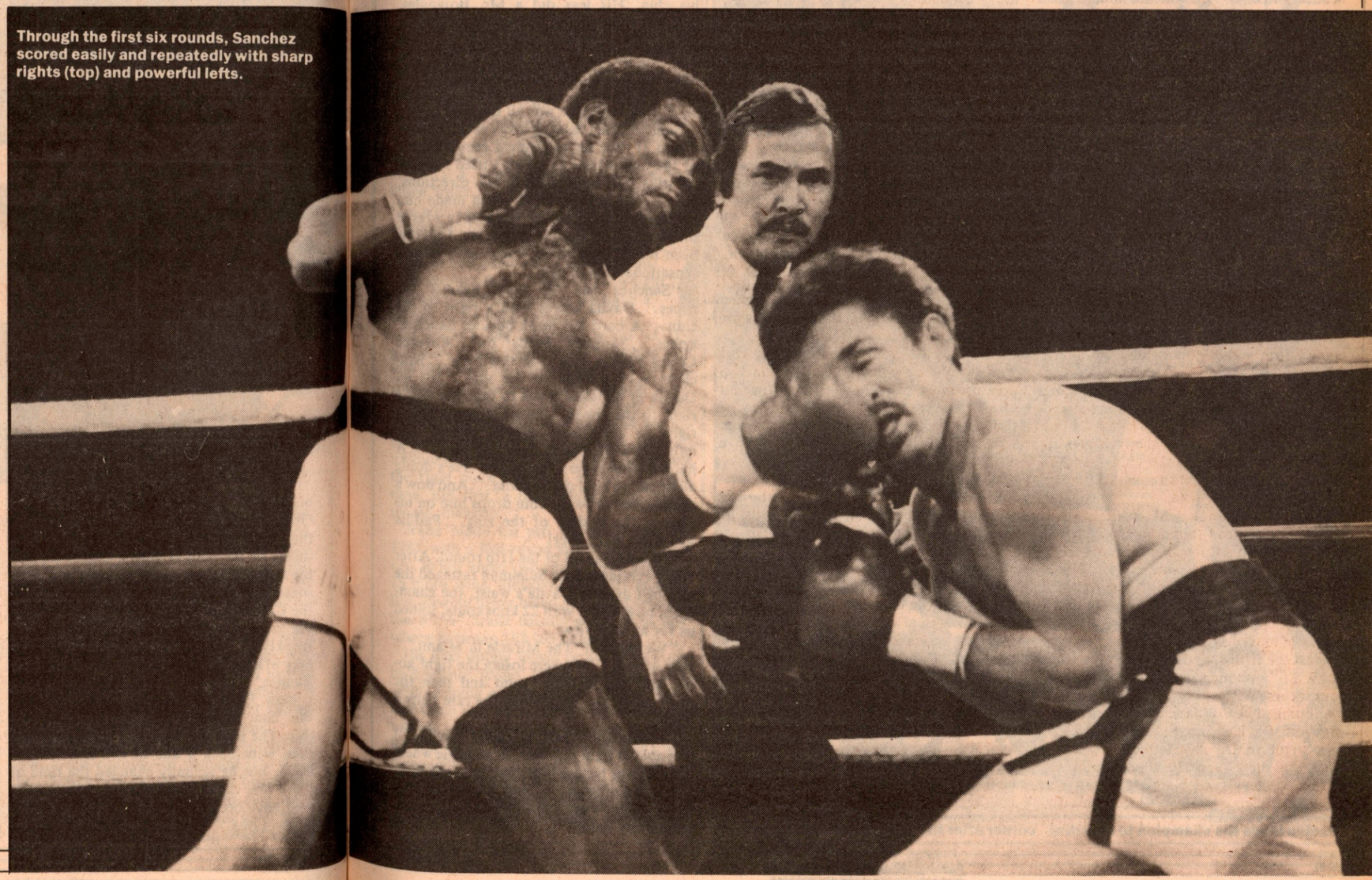
Indeed, that's what Al Albert had called it.

"This fight was billed as 'The Battle on the Beach,' " said Albert, "but what you're watching has turned into 'The Miracle in Miami.' "





Through the first six rounds, Sanchez scored easily and repeatedly with sharp rights (top) and powerful lefts.



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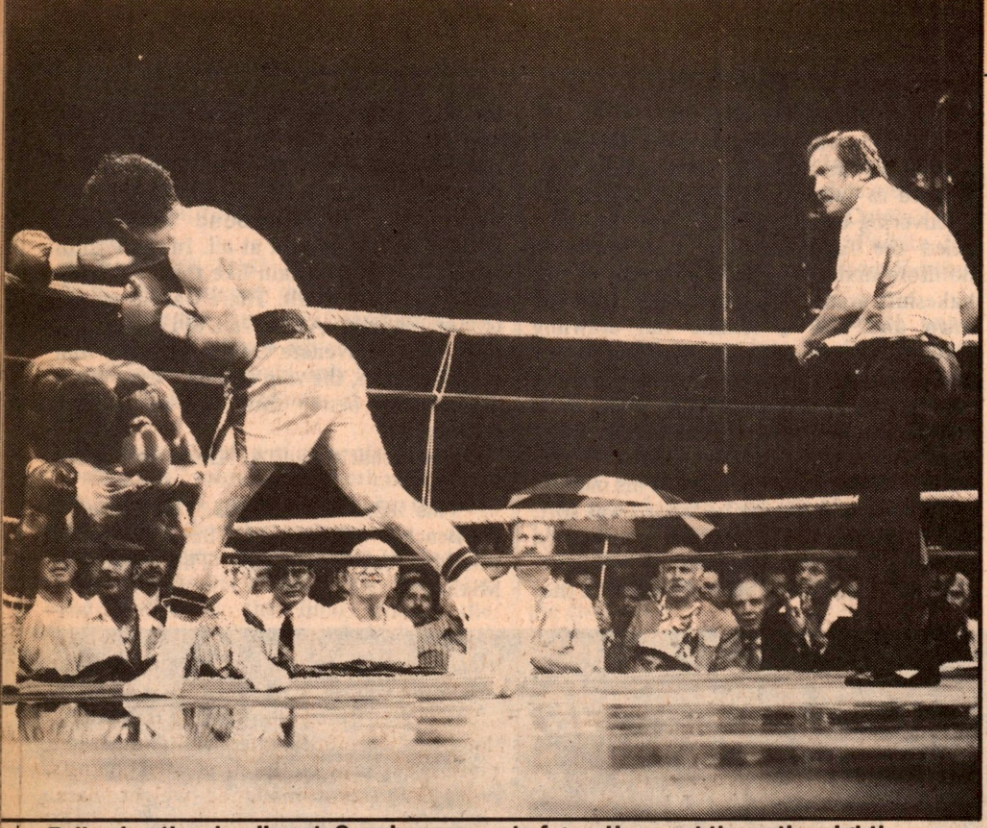
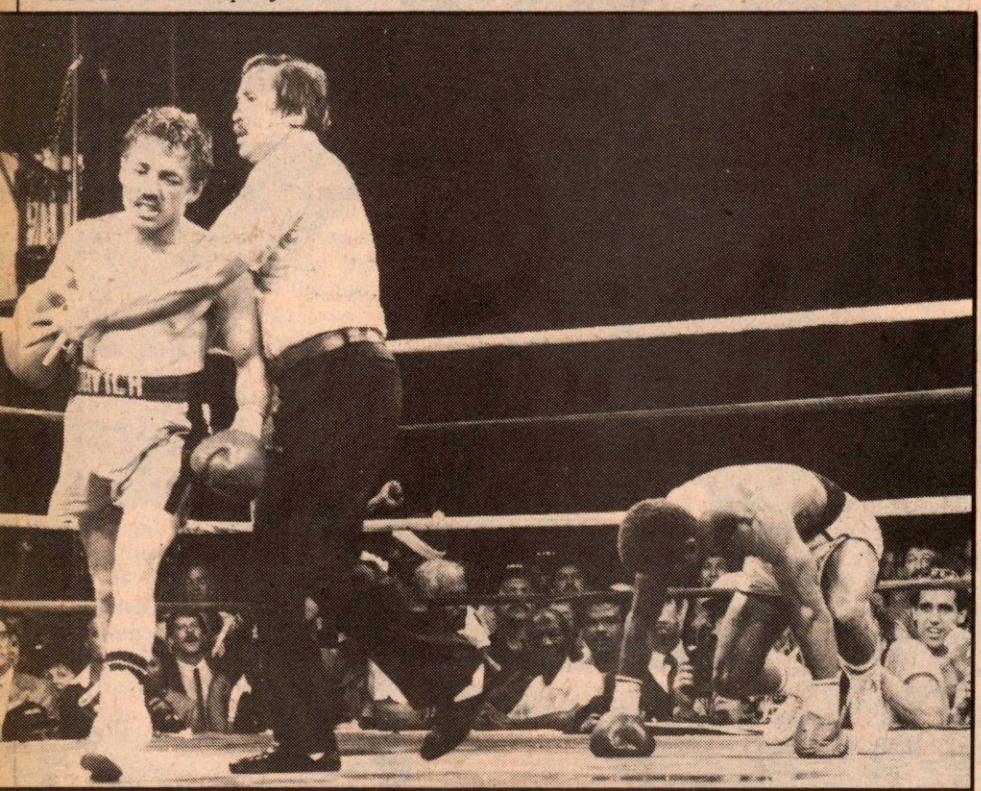


Following the cloudburst, Sanchez ran out of gas. He spent the entire eighth round glued to the ropes taking a pound ing. PHOTOS BY JACK GOODMAN

The heavens closed as fast as they opened. If only we could have dried out as fast!

When he answered the bell for round eight, Sanchez walked to his right and glued his back to the ropes just above our broadcasting table. He didn't move for the next three minutes. Davila couldn't have been happier. The champion threw over 100 punches during the round. Many missed, but the ones which did land were hurting blows. Davila concentrated his attack on Sanchez' body. Like a bad meal, those shots stayed with Sanchez.



Padilla leads the champion to a neutral corner after the 10th round knockdown.

Round nine saw Sanchez give everything he had left. He tried desperately to knock out the champion. He landed hard rights and powerful combinations to the chin, but Davila looked as fresh as if this was round one and shook off their effects.

Between the ninth and 10th rounds, referee Padilla used one of the round cards to "brush" puddles of water out of the ring. He laughed as the bell for round 10 sounded.

As he did in round eight, Sanchez spent nearly every second of round 10 on the ropes catching leather. His legs were completely gone. As the time clock showed :08 remaining, Davila cracked a right cross off his chin. His legs did a Mr. Bojangles. Another right to the chin sent him crashing against the ropes and rebounding off onto all fours on the canvas. He got up at two and tried jumping up and down to bring life back into his legs, but it was no use. Sanchez' title challenge was all but over.

Sanchez tried dancing away at the start of round 11, but his movement reminded me of the time when, as a kid, I tried walking on stilts. His body went in two directions. He ran into a right hand which made him sag against the ropes. He was able to wrestle his way to the ropes just above me. Had this been radio, the ending would have been a sensational one to call:

"Sanchez has his back against the ropes...Davila scores with a right to the chin...A hard left hook buckles Sanchez' knees...Sanchez holds on...Referee Carlos Padilla may stop this fight...Sanchez takes a hook to the side...It's all Davila as he lands a left to the face and a right to the cheek...Sanchez takes a left-right to the face...Davila misses two lefts...Davila has a right fall short...A hard hook staggers Sanchez!...He's doing all he can to hold onto Davila...And now a right uppercut to the chin drops him on his face in the middle of the ring...Padilla waves the fight over!"

The time was :31 of the 11th round. After WBC President Jose Sulaiman fastened the title belt around Davila's waist, the champion, now 49-8-1 with 22 knockouts, joined us for an interview.

"We called it 'The Miracle in Miami,' " said Albert. "You were losing the fight going into the seventh round and then the rains came. Do you believe the rain helped you?"

"Absolutely!" said an elated Davila. "I was able to fight him at such an angle where the rain was hitting him directly in the face. The rain helped me." Later, Davila told the press, "That wasn't just rain coming down. It was holy water!" ■

NEW FACES

STEVE TRAITZ

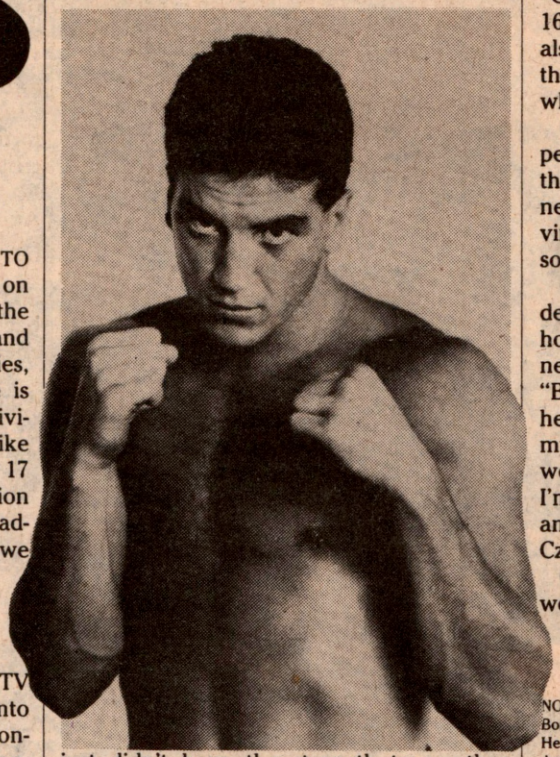
IT SEEMS THAT BOXING FANS NEVER GET TO see an "unranked" pug doing battle on television anymore. Nowadays, with the WBA, WBC, IBF, USBA, NABF, ESPN and the ratings authorities of various countries, any fighter who makes it to the tube is usually ranked by SOMEONE in some division. It's a situation that gives guys like Steve Traitz, Jr., who is white, 19-1 with 17 KOs and competing in a brand new division dominated by caucasians, far too many advantages to be overlooked. In short, if we don't let you know about him now, the IBF's sixth-ranked "Super Middleweight" may become a star before we have a chance to introduce him.

In today's big business world of TV pugilism, many fighters are launched into title situations long before they can be considered legitimate championship contenders. However, Traitz, who had a 40-2 amateur record and who has built his impressive pro log on a diet of veteran trailhorses tomatoes, may be one guy in just the right place (division) at just the right time. But first, a little background music, please, maestro.

Traitz made his pro debut on Oct. 16, 1981, with a first-round stoppage of Ronald Erp. In just under two years, there would be 15 more wins, including 14 short endings. But, despite being billed as a middleweight, the 6′ ½″ Traitz usually weighed in anywhere between 163-165 pounds.

His next outing would prove to be a day he'd sooner forget. Traitz was paired with "Philadelphia middleweight" Jimmy Sykes (the same one who recently went 10 tough rounds with comebacking Frank Fletcher) for something called the Pennsylvania Middleweight Title. Because of the "belt" at stake, Traitz knew he would have to finally "make" the 160-pound limit he hadn't seen since his days as a 156-pound amateur.

"My walking-around weight is about 177," says Traitz. "I remember I weighed almost 181 about six weeks before the fight, and I made the mistake of combining a strict diet with my training regimen, which included about eight miles of running every day. I ended up weighing in at 159-and-something, but I had been training for the scale, not to fight Sykes. I was so weak and sluggish . . . But, you could ask anyone, I had won all the rounds before he caught me with one right hand in the fourth. If I wasn't so weakened, I could have won the fight. I



just didn't have the strength to weather it . . . The worst part about it is that now, the writers all claim I have a bad chin. Even though I'm in a different division now, if Sykes will fight me at 168, I'd give him MY purse to get him again. But, I don't think he'd want any part of me again."

Because he lost his only fight against a really solid veteran, promoter Joe Hand, Jr., has since thrown three less-than-devastating club fighters in with his hopeful. However, Hand has also let his man venture into the IBF's new super middleweight division so that he doesn't have to fight the scale anymore. Even so, the reviews of the Norristown, PA, resident's performances have still been less than rave:

"There has been so much garbage written about the 'dead bodies' Joe has 'dug up' for me that, from now on, I won't fight ANYONE except top-10 contenders," he says. "I'd rather take a chance on losing a fight than lose whatever reputation I have left."

Of course, Traitz's "new" division and its top-10 have been given about as much respect as his recent opposition. The IBF's "Champ" at 168 pounds is twice-recycled Murray Sutherland—a bust as a light heavyweight title challenger and an almost-top-tenner as a pared-down middlweight. Murray won his "title" by beating journeyman Ernie Singletary. Meanwhile, the top prospect on the IBF's horizon is another fallen white middleweight "hope," Bobby Czyz, who recently took his first step towards a super-middle title shot by beating up on another tainted, white, 160-pound "Golden Boy," Mark Frazie. Long-time 160-pound fringe contender Vinnie Curto is also high on the IBF's list of possibilities at the new weight, and just happens to be white as well

Get the picture? Despite having been stopped once, Traitz is right in the thick of things. "I'm scheduled to fight Singletary next," he notes. "As long as I beat him convincingly, I should get a chance at the title sometime soon."

Of course, Traitz, who says he is mainly a defensive counterpuncher with a mean left hook, is counting on the survival of boxing's newest and most-maligned weight class. "But I'm willing to fight as a light heavyweight if I have to. I weighed 174 for my last fight and I can handle the extra weight if I have to to get respect. I just know I'm NOT fighting as a middleweight anymore . . . I'd love to fight Sutherland, Czyz, or anyone at this weight."

Of course you would, Steve. Who wouldn't?

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF STEVE TRAITZ, JR.

NORRISTOWN, PA, Super Middleweight/Light Heavyweight
Born: May 23, 1960 Managed & Trained by: Steve Traitz, Sa.
Height: 6′ ½″
Amateur record: 40-2

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
		1981	
Oct. 16	Ronald Erp	Philadelphia	KO 1
Dec. 8	Glenn Butts	Atlantic City	KO 2
		1982	
Feb. 21	Robert Hardnick	Atlantic City	KO 1
Apr. 5	Leo Martinez	Atlantic City	W 6
Apr. 26	David Carter	Atlantic City	KO 2
June 21	Tom Huston	Atlantic City	KO 2
July 26	Almalick McLaurin	Atlantic City	KO 1
Aug. 7	Ben Vereen	Philadelphia	KO 3
Sept. 20	Bean Whisetten	Atlantic City	KO 2
Oct. 20	Dean Ferguson	Atlantic City	KO 5
Nov. 17	Henry McDaniels	Atlantic City	KO 8
		1983	
Feb. 16	Willie Ray Taylor	Atlantic City	KO 1
Mar. 14	Benny Mitchell	Atlantic City	KO 1
Apr. 24	Mike Herron	Atlantic city	Ko 5
May 9	Fred Creech	Atlantic City	KO 9
July 13	Ken Heflin	Atlantic City	KO 6
Sept. 9	Jimmy Sykes	Philadelphia	KO by 4
	(For Pennsylvania Middleweight Title)		
Dec. 2	Freddie Brown	Atlantic City	W 10
		1984	
Apr. 30	Frankie Hines	Atlantic City	Ko 5
May 28	Trent Sarratt	Atlantic City	KO 1

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	(KOs)	LOSSES	DRAWS
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GARY NAGER

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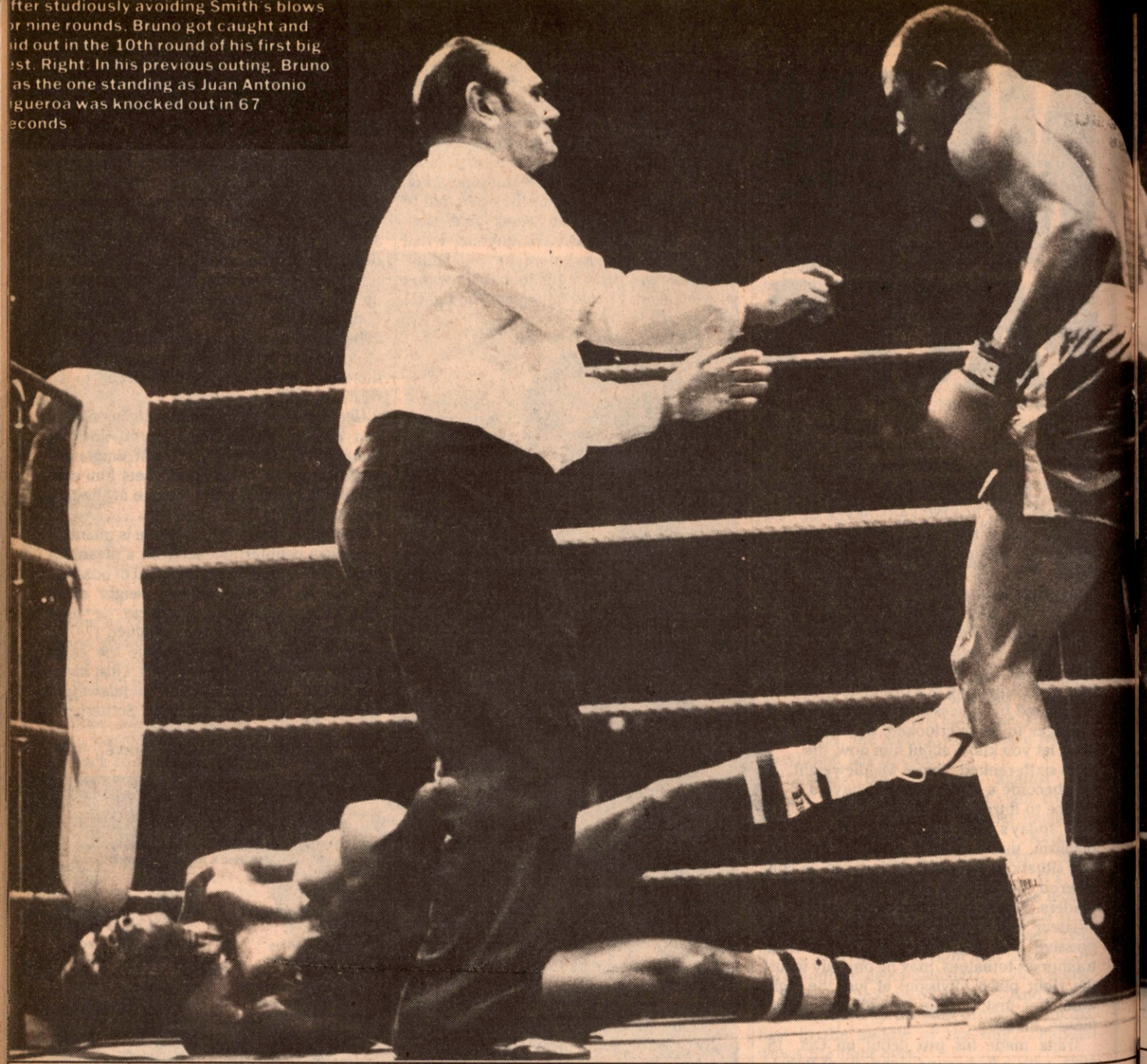
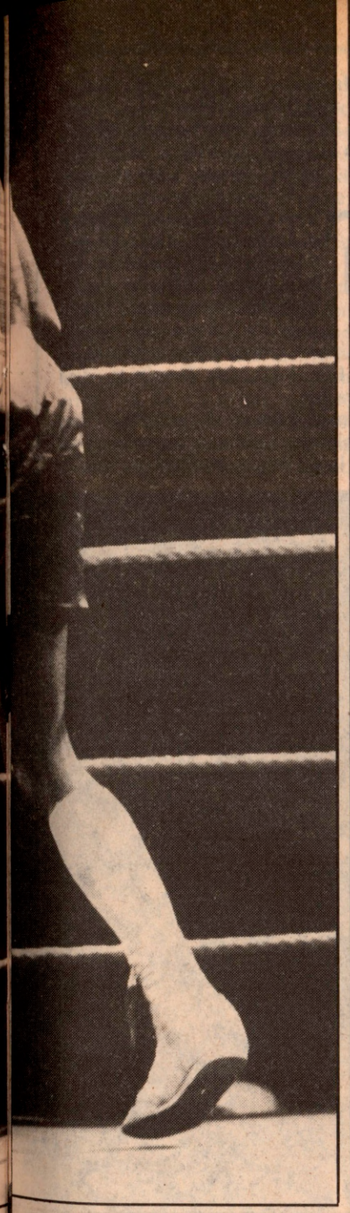




For 9 rounds Bruno handled "Bonecrusher" Smith and England believed that in its newest heavyweight star it finally had the "real thing." But midway into round 10, "Bonecrusher"—and history—caught Bruno cold. The Ring's London bureau reports:

FRANK BRUNO'S CRUSHING DEFEAT

By REG GUTTERIDGE

PORTLY EMILE GRIFFITH knelt on the corner steps, wiped a towel across his brow, shrugged his shoulders and hollered "O.K., Crusher, do what you want. But do it." The great champion turned gifted coach would have dealt sharply and efficiently with any pretender when he held championship sway, just as he did in London, England, against Brian Curvis and Dave Charnley.

Bonecrusher, or James Smith, of Magnolia, North Carolina, had laboured, more than somewhat, attempting to catch—crush appeared too much—Frank Bruno, latest in a long-line of British hopeful heavyweights, lauded by both public and press who counted ten Americans among his 21 victims. All had failed to stay the course with the 6 ft. 4 in., 220 lb. marvellous marketable commodity.

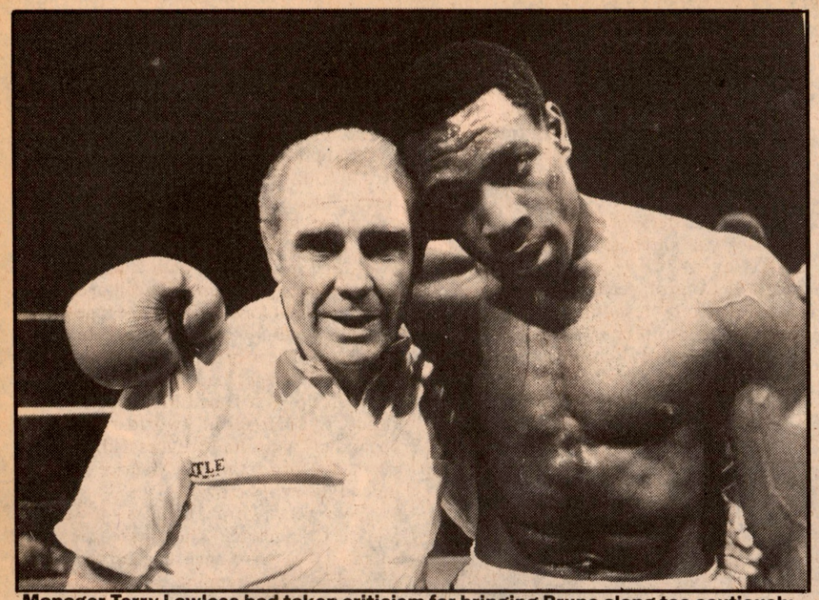
Griffith's frustrated plea came in the tenth and final round at Wembley Arena. The fight, barring the shouting, was over. Smith, by the reckoning of veteran London ref, Harry Gibbs, a WBC stalwart, had won just one round and drawn one. Gibbs, as is custom for non-title bouts, was the sole arbiter. Griffith motioned a sign of resignation to me in the seat closest to his corner. Bonecrusher was well beaten.

Within seconds the old champion's face beamed, he war-whooped in disbelief, and sprang into the ring to place a firm chesthold on the shocked Smith. They fell to the canvas, both yelling excitedly, and stayed there. Bruno had suddenly wilted under Smith's desperate, but effective, final barrage, slid along the ropes, dropped in a neutral corner with an espression described as "imploring innocence" when counted-out and beaten for the first time.

Manager Terry Lawless who had built-up Bruno with intricately cautious matching and almost parental care revived his sadly fallen young gladiator and made up his mind that he could no longer take the heartbreaks of the fight game. "It's tearing lumps out of me" he said. Bruno planted a firm kiss on Lawless's forehead, apologising and pleading with him to re-consider. They are warm-hearted people, endlessly willing, who knew that Bruno's first defeat, yes, a flop, was watched by his biggest audience—his first coast-to-coast live TV from London to the States. At least Bruno could breathe more easily for 24 hours before the British TV masses would switch on and bury him.

Back in the dressing-room Bruno showed character, the kind that suggests he's young enough, at 22, to come again. It lifted Lawless who had also watched his bright-eyed middleweight, Mark Kaylor, being bowled out by Philly's Buster Drayton on the same bill.

Bruno, a carbon of Henry Cooper, who is still everybody's hero in Limey-land, choked on his tears facing the interviewers. "I got caught, what can I say?" he pleaded "It's a shame to get beat by a 14-fight



Manager Terry Lawless had taken criticism for bringing Bruno along too cautiously. Lawless accepted the blame when Frank faltered.

novice, but he was a 29-year-old-man. It was a mistake trying to let him punch himself out. Joe Bugner got KO'd in his first fight; Frazier and Ali, they both got stopped. Now it's in my favour to come back. Know what I mean?

"There's people out there saying 'He's had it, he's been beating dead bodies' and all that. [An undiluted sympathy chorus of 'No, No, Frank, that's not true.'] I feel like crying in front of all you with all this pressure and I'm really sorry to let my manager down. But it's only the strongest who survive in this game. I'll be back. I'll learn."

It was the frank character that brought hundreds of encouragement letters—not a single nasty. We British—discounting a serious War or two!—are traditionally lovers of sporting losers. We've had plenty of practice. Bruno remained respected.

Lawless, whom we chide for practically marrying as well as managing his fighters, says "Frank was as tight as a drum. The worst I've known him. Maybe, the occasion got to him. The public expect so much from him, quite rightly, but it hard for him to cope. He needs the experience. I've always said it. I never wanted him world rated so early. With more experience he could have coasted the last round and won. His biceps were bruised and he was tired. Smith is a powerful, big man. I really meant it when I said I'd had enough. But Bruno proved himself such a man. He almost shamed me into going with him next day to the press conference. Then when I went back to the gym, with all the boys, I felt home again."

Some of the Bruno over-kill was spread by peripatetic Mickey Duff, who spends his time between homes in London and Tampa, and unashamedly beat the Bruno drum. Until the Crusher blow Duff's matching for shows in London, Berlin and Chicago had been perfect. He's a true pro.

Mind you, contrary to opinion in U.S. fight circles, Duff has never sealed a Bruno match without hours of debate—often with voices raised to blistering decibels—with Lawless who has, and has always had, the final word. There is not any contract sharing between them. Just an association of trust built up over many years. They respect each other's judgement. Duff frequently says Lawless "is the toughest manager I've ever dealt with." Bruno's loss, a collapse to bring the curtain down on his meakest performance, inevitably brings the jibes of British horizontal heavyweights. Since we founders of the existing ruled business of boxing have not come up with a British-born world champion since Bob Fitzsimmons (who was probably then an American citizen) in 1897 we have little to counter.

They easily forget Tommy Farr coming out before time at the start of the 15th round, hitching up his shorts, beckoning the mighty Joe Louis to come out fighting in his first defence. He gave the Brown Bomber a brave and troublesome battle. So did roly-poly Don Cockell against Rocky Marciano who parked the Queensberry rules at front gate when he began his frontal assaults. Cockell never bitched and nobody mentions that he also soundly whacked Harry Matthews in his own Seattle backyard, Jack Hurley an' all.

Johnny Williams, Joe Bugner, Bruno, did win on U.S. soil. Give them, as they say in London Cockney jargon, a bit of a gee.

FRANK BRUNO WAS BORN IN Hammersmith, London, just a jab up the Thames from Big Ben. Mum, Lyn, a district nurse and Pentecostal Churchgoer, a strong Evangelist, born in Jamaica, dragged him to church on Sundays. His Dad, from Dominica, died seven years ago.

The formative years, as youngest of six, were troublesome without actually brushing with the law. Bruno bomped a schoolteacher and was carted off to one of those schools that deal with difficult kids and don't bother to celebrate Founders Day.

"I didn't have any problems of being black and that, but this guy always needled me. He showed off at my expense in front of the girls." he says.

Being aggressive, inarticulately sensitive and physically enormous for his age he just stood up in class and punched the master. He struggled to avoid being sent to what seemed far-off Broad Oak, Sussex, for five years. The routine and discipline, plus the opportunity to channel his energy into cricket, a decent striker at soccer, basketball, and being allowed to join a local boxing club cured him. Two years later he was British Amateur Boxing Association heavyweight champion.

On the kitchen door of the Bruno home, moved to Wandsworth, brother Michael inked "Frank Bruno, world heavyweight champion."

There were a succession of jobs from polishing car fenders (bumpers to us) and hauling fridges upstairs which helped form the Liston-like frame. There were the inevitable net casters for his pro signature—a situation still threatened to be settled in High Courts—when the British Boxing Board of Control, seemingly less cluttered and definitely less political than its American counterparts—approved of Lawless's standard Board-printed contract.

The troubles had only just begun. The contract was not valid until Bruno was interviewed and medically examined for a license. It was a shattering blow for Bruno, about to straighten out his life, that he suffered keratomileusis, a rare form of short sightedness in his right eye. Licence refused.

The Board's medical panel demand that boxer-applicants have 6/18 vision in both eyes at a distance of 6 metres, reading the fourth line.

Lawless had produced a record British best of four world champions—Hope, Watt, Stracey, Magri—and, frankly, could live well enough without percentages from big Frank. But Lawless is not the type-caster Hollywood B-movie manager. He knew Bruno was heartbroken. What would he do? The manager had formed a personal relationship with David McLeod, a Moorfields Eye Hospital (world-renowned) specialist who had successfully laser-beamed a torn retina for Maurice Hope to defend his world crown.

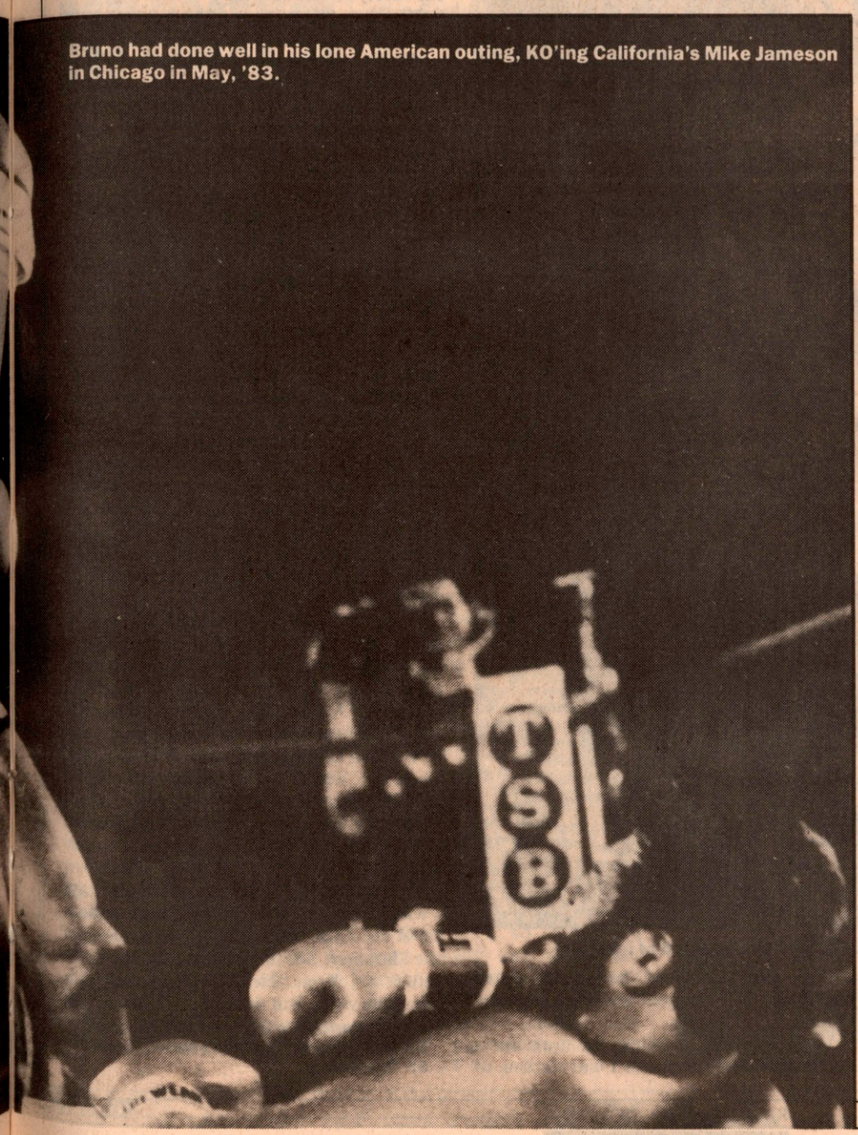
There were two possibilities—a Russian and a Colombian. They were the only surgeons known to have arrested the short-sightedness. So strapping Bruno, a fish out of water away from his own backyard, made the solo 6,000 mile journey to Bogota in South America to ask a 5 ft. surgeon, Jose Barraquer, to operate at his private clinic.

It took four hours of marvellously skilled surgery to give Bruno his second chance. The ordeal for a 20-year-old in a strange land must surely have been more drain ing than soaking-up punches from a Bonecrusher.

The heartbreak was not over...licence again delayed until the British Board's doctors were certain there had been no deterioration in his condition. Months later he was given an all-clear. So began the endless hours of drilling in Lawless's own sweat-shop, above the Royal Oak pub in London's East End. Jimmy Tibbs, who boxed for the local famed West Ham club, and Frank Black, an Irishman who becomes the butt for the gym jokes, attended daily to help Lawless develop the big, raw diamond. Somebody pinned "Terry's Gold" from a chocolate box on the changing room door.

Floyd Patterson spent a gimmick week offering Bruno advice, trying to inject more fluidity, noting the muscled man fought on rails with little lateral movement. Lawless nagged and nagged. They brought in a succession of American sparmates from Marvin Stinson to Mark Lee, and without public pressure Bruno coped well with them. In fact, to pardon the local idiom, Bruno was definitely the guv'nor.

Fall guys from Germany, Africa, Costa Rico, and the States were carted in and promptly carted-out of London rings. They also went wild about menacing Bruno winning in Berlin. A few Chicagoans noted a



Bruno had done well in his lone American outing, KO'ing California's Mike Jameson in Chicago in May, '83.

Bruno celebrated his 22nd birthday with a cake on November 16 of last year.

sharp combination of hook and uppercut when Bruno pulverised Californian Mike Jameson on a local TV show.

There came an inevitable U.S. gym tour, partly subsidised by a newspaper, with Bruno able to unload blows full force backstage. He'd begun to really look the part.

Programmed, boxing by numbers, maybe, but the end product was starting to match his physique.

Then a technical hitch, Bruno temporarily on the blink. Was he muscle-bound? Freestyle Jumbo Cummings, who did have a draw against an admittedly shopworn Joe Frazier among his slender credentials, whacked our Learner-plates heavy on the whiskers in your actual Royal Albert Hall sited, appropriately, in Kensington Gore.

It happened either on or a fraction after the bell, depending on the bias. Bruno quivered like a stick o' licquorice melting in heat, his eyes rolling, and the referee was uncertain about his next action. Before Bruno could tumble Lawless sprang into the ring, making the catch of the season, ever so politely leading befuddled Bruno back to the safety of the corner.

Bruno's fine body had strangely absorbed a right-hand punch, landed without a sign of protection with Bruno lapsing into an amateurish action, but it brought doubts about his durability. There was nothing wrong with the ticket. Lung power had yet to be tested. Bruno responded manfully to his manager's demands and came off the stool to later overwhelm and outpunch a crumbling Cummings. The crown roared. Bruno was everyone's hero. Colour or creed was discounted. He was hailed and hoorayed in the flag-waving Brit way which almost canonised Henry Cooper who must be on course for a Knighthood. A Bruno portrait was hung at a Royal Academy Exhibition. Bruno bore his responsibilities well. Gone was the wayward boy. He listened and learned left and right and right from wrong. He appeared on TV comedy shows, chat shows, opened fetes, rarely dodged a worthwhile charity, was even asked back to his old school. Forgive and forget from the thumped teacher. He loved kids. The prestigious Tory Daily Mail afforded him a centre spread.

A sharp dresser, virtually a loner in love only with boxing—he's an unbelievably dedicated trainer—a live-in white lady, Laura, and their two-year-old daughter, Nicola. ("We'll marry when we think it's right") They were forced to move from downtown London to Chadwell Heath, Co. Essex, to avoid the constant pressure of town attention.

Frank's home remains his only hideaway. He refuses, understandably, to be interviewed at home.

"Boxing is still what I do best" he says "without it I would probably have ended-up in the Nick" the Cockney equivalent of the Slammer. Soon, he hopes, the jeers will return to cheers. No trouble, Frank. Do what you want. But **do** it. ■

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WHERE IS THE BEEF? TOP HEAVIES GO AWOL

WELCOME TO THE Heavy*wait* division. Wait, as in inactive. Wait, as in, "Yo, I think I'll wait this one out." Wait, as in waiting for Godot.

Yes, this is what boxing's centerpiece has come to. The heavyweight division, from whose ranks comes the king of his sport, has apparently decided to take 1984 off. Perhaps George Orwell knew something was up after all. How else can we explain the lack of activity by boxing's biggest and baddest?

Look what the division has come to: With the exception of Tim Witherspoon and Greg Page, who were forced to tangle this past winter in order to decide who would inherit the World Boxing Council title discarded by Larry Holmes, none of THE RING'S top eight heavies has fought this year. That's right—none. It is a disgrace to the division and the sport.

Take them one at a time.

Holmes, now the International Boxing Federation champ, hasn't stepped into the squared circle since starching Marvis Frazier in one last November. The undefeated Holmes had talked of dueling John Tate earlier this year, a fight that should never be allowed. But his recent inactivity has been due to the promoters' inability to finance a multi-million dollar extravaganza with Gerrie Coetzee, the South African who wears the World Boxing Association crown. As THE RING'S went to press, there was talk this bout might come off in September provided the money is sufficient. Ah, the money. Let us return to that acrid subject momentarily. Now, the rest of the division.

Coetzee, ranked No. 1 by THE RING'S hasn't fought since separating Michael Dokes from his senses and WBA title last September. By no means a smooth boxer, the hard punching Coetzee should be spanked for going nigh a year between bouts.

Witherspoon, with the No. 2 rating, is by comparison a busy fighter. Of course there's been no sign of Terrible Tim returning to the ring since he bested Page March 9. Still, let's give the man a hand. He has fought this year!

Dokes, No. 3, has not been heard from since being knocked out by Coetzee. Perhaps he's only following the example set by those ranked above him. Perhaps Dokes reasons the only way to advance today is to stay out of the ring. Please.

Pinklon Thomas, No. 4, is a mystery. Thomas claims no one will fight him and clamors for a shot at the title. In the meantime, Thomas has yet to make an appearance '84 and, as we all know, this is no way to advance one's position or skills.

As for Greg page, No. 5, perhaps he's so depressed from having lost to Witherspoon that he's eaten himself into oblivion. No signal from the former top-ranked contender that he's about to return to the ring.

Mike Weaver, who wasn't busy when he was WBA champion, hasn't fought since beating Stan Ward last September. And Trevor Berbick, rated right behind Weaver at No. 7, has been just as quiet.

To make sure the cream of the crop doesn't stay inactive by themselves, there has been little stirring among the latter half of the heavyweight division, either. John Tate, Renaldo Snipes, Randy Cobb and Marvis Frazier have all joined Holmes & Co. in a 1984 work stoppage. And of course there's Gerry Cooney, the trend-setter in all this inactivity, who hasn't fought in more than two years.

Yes, this is what boxing's centerpiece has come to. And what a sorry cry it is compared to the heavyweight division of a decade ago when Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Jimmy Young battled regularly.

One asks why the heavyweights, the haven of princes, has become the hotbed of primadonnas. Money, naturally, is the primary reason. These fellas are expecting too much moolah for their fights and holding out until they get the exorbitant pay days they believe they deserve.

Still, there are no legit excuses. At a time when the division is waiting to be taken by storm it is suffering from a blight. Call it the blahs, an eclipse, or whatever. The top-ranked heavies are so inactive one wonders if they have abandoned their sport. Ring rust is so common among them that they can now begin comparing layers of dust amidst the rust. So it goes with boxing and baddest boys. Welcome to the heavywait division.

DOUG BLACKBURN

BRAMBLE LEFT 'EM IN SHAMBLES

Hector Camacho and Aaron Pryor felt the pain when Livingstone Bramble battered Ray Mancini.

By BEN SHARAV

"The best laid schemes of mice and men, often go awry" —*Robert Burns*

THE CAREFULLY-LAID PLANS FOR Ray Mancini to cash in his chips with a multimillion dollar showdown against Aaron Pryor or Hector Camacho were thrown into shambles by Livingston Bramble's punishing, 14th-round knockout of the popular, defending WBA lightweight champion.

Coming on the heels of the Communist Bloc Olympic boycott, the abrupt re-retirement of Sugar Ray Leonard and the collapse of the Holmes-Coetzee promotion, the defeat of Mancini at Memorial Hall in Buffalo was the latest in a series of monkeywrenches to wreck planned ring extravaganzas. This one, though, at least had a positive flipside: the emergence of Livingstone Bramble as a fresh face and a new force in the game.

Pryor and Camacho were both at ringside, the former observing quietly and the latter shouting encouragement and instructions to Mancini. When the champion was battered into submission in the 14th round, Camacho seemed genuinely sad, for Mancini as well as for the millions of dollars that went up in smoke. And indeed, Camacho was one of only a few "outsiders" to gain admittance to the loser's dressing room after the battle. "I'm sorry," Mancini told Camacho, using the same line that Gerry Cooney had used after he was knocked out by Larry Holmes two years ago. "You'll get him next time, Ray," Camacho answered.

"Getting him next time" is just what was on Mancini's mind. Blood was still seeping from a gash on Boom Boom's right eyelid when he looked up from the rubbing table where he was being tended to and implor-ingly told his manager, David Wolf, "I want a rematch."

Next door in the press room, where Livingstone Bramble and his team were on the platform up front fielding questions, the common suggestion offered by various personages milling about was that Mancini had taken entirely too many punches and should move on to a new avocation or—putting it more bluntly—should "pack it in." In losing, Mancini had apparently set a new record: At 23 he became the youngest ex-champion ever to be urged by commentators and ring insiders to retire.

"If anybody lets that kid fight again, I'll murder him," said Bob Arum, who has a detectable tendency to overdramatize. Co-promoters Arum and Dan Duva had paid Mancini $1 million for this night's work.

Mancini was taken straight to the city's Millard Filmore Hospital but a red-eyed Dave Wolf went out to the press room to make a statement. In the unusually bitter prefight discourse Wolf had called Bramble "a despicable human being" and called the behavior of Bramble's manager, Lou Duva, "reprehensible," but now Mancini's manager graciously shook hands with the two. "Ray wants me to say that the better man won tonight and that Livingstone Bramble is a true champion," said Wolf. "Ray is all right and the first thing he's pushing me to do is make a rematch."

"If he puts that kid in the ring again, I'll personally shoot Dave Wolf," reiterated Arum.

The gash on Mancini's right eyelid as well as a smaller cut, similarly situated on his left, had been stitched up, and the fighter had had his swollen jaw X-rayed by the time Wolf rejoined the Mancini party at the Hospital, where Ray was being held overnight. Seeing his manager, Mancini demanded, "Have you made the rematch yet?" Boom Boom is not ready to let the naysayers have the final say.

LIVINGSTONE BRAMBLE BEAT RAY Mancini at Mancini's own game, using a brilliant battle plan that he had worked out with trainer Tommy Parks at the Gladiators Gym in West Paterson, N.J. It was thought that the only way to beat Mancini was by staying far away and boxing him, but Bramble stayed close to the champion and didn't give him punching room. Mancini's wide hooks, punches that had landed on and done heavy damage to Bobby Chacon in Mancini's last defense, were ineffective against Bramble. "Nobody who throws all those hooks can beat Bramble," Bramble said the next day. Bramble kept his arms in close to his body and caught Mancini's head with violent uppercuts.

Perhaps Mancini, who needed two tries to make the 135-pound limit, would have done better had he not been hampered by a gash on his right eyelid that was opened up late in the first round. Referee Marty Denkin halted the action to allow the ringside physician to check the wound and Bramble paraded around the ring with his arms raised in victory. It's a good thing for Livingstone that the fight was not stopped at that point. Denkin ruled that an unintentional butt had caused the cut, so the fight would have been ruled a technical draw.

Still, Mancini fought well in the early rounds and seemed to build up a slight edge. But his punches were not landing cleanly, and Bramble was conserving his energy for when he would finally take control.

Hector Camacho was on his feet yelling "Box him, Ray, box him" in the third and fourth rounds, advice similar to what trainer Murphy Griffith was telling the champion in the corner. Using a good jab, and throwing his right hand straight, Mancini managed to grab the early lead, which he never relinquished on the cards of judges Lou Moretta and Stanley Berg. Judge Mike Gliena had Bramble winning from the start.

The judges' scorecards aroused a good bit of controversy later on. It was a difficult fight to score, since Mancini seemed to be throwing a lot more punches, but Bramble was landing the clean blows. Judge Gliena gave the questionable rounds to Bramble while Moretta and especially Berg gave them to Mancini. As Mancini began to wilt in the middle and late rounds, it became apparent that Bramble's punches had done the greater damage. Bramble didn't complain when he heard of the scoring. "I guess the judges look at the punches thrown instead of the punches landed," the new champion said. "I'll know that for next time." Bramble's trainer, Tommy Parks, was not as understanding. "They were gonna steal it if we hadn't stopped him," Parks claimed. From the scorecards, though, it appears

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Bramble would have won by a split decision if Mancini had held on to the final bell.

After the fifth round, Mancini resorted to trying to outslug Bramble and the results were disastrous. "When Ray was boxing him, Ray was winning," Dave Wolf said afterward. "If he'd have kept boxing, he could have won the fight." But then, considering the matter further, wolf admitted, "It's that headstrong determination that made Ray a champion. If he'd fought another way he might never have been champion in the first place."

parent reference to the fight in which Mancini knocked out Deuk-Koo Kim, causing the Korean's death. It was that crack that prompted Dave Wolf's statement that Bramble "is a despicable human being," a remark that drew wild laughter from the other newscasters when Marv Albert played it at the end of his local TV sports report in New York.

With Mancini coming straight after him, Bramble took total control with his sharper punching starting in the seventh round. From his lefty stance, Bramble staggered

Perhaps Mancini had to go right after Bramble because of the hatred that he had built up for him in the weeks leading up to the fight. Bramble behaved like a professional wrestling villain from the day of the contract signing when he cursed out the champion with some vile profanity while Ray was standing with some young girls who suffer from Cooley's anemia.

Bramble, 134½, a Rastafarian from the Virgin Islands, carried his bad guy shtick to Buffalo, where he brought in "Dr. Doo," reputedly a voodoo doctor from his homeland, to put a few hexes on Mancini. As a final touch of tastelessness, Bramble called Mancini a "murderer," in an ap-

Mancini with a hard left to the jaw. At the hospital that night, they X-rayed Mancini's jaw to check for a possible break but found none.

In one of his many nasty pre-fight comments, Bramble had said that if he has Mancini in a position to knock him out, he'll carry him to administer maximum punishment. As Mancini staggered in the eighth and ninth rounds, it seemed that Bramble may be doing just what he had threatened. Later, Bramble denied that he'd carried Mancini. "I knew I had him in trouble, but I didn't pursue him because I know Mancini is supposed to get stronger in the later rounds," said Bramble. "I stayed

patient and kept my composure because I wanted to be in control if it went 15 rounds."

But after Bramble eased up so much as to practically give away the 11th and 12th rounds due to inactivity, Lou Duva told him to finish the champion off. Mancini's right eye was swollen shut and his legs were gone as he took a terrible pounding in the 13th round. Denkin came back to Mancini's corner after that round and he or Mancini's seconds probably should have stopped it right there. But they let Mancini come out for the 14th round.

Bramble sent the champion careening across the ring with a left-right-left combination at the start of the 14th frame. It took about 10 more solid punches to Mancini's head before Denkin stepped in and stopped the beating at 0:53.

One newspaper reported that Mancini had "pleaded through swollen eyes," for Denkin to halt the fight. As he was clearly unable to fight back, that would have been a prudent thing for Mancini to do. But Mancini, with a confirmation from Marty Denkin, who ought to know, denies that he signaled to the referee to stop the fight. "Mancini's eyes were glazed. That's why I stopped it," says Denkin. Wolf said that Denkin stopped the fight at just the right time. "I was starting up the steps to stop it myself," says the manager.

The loss was only Mancini's second in a career that has seen him win 29 fights. His only other loss, to Alexis Arguello in 1980, also ended on a knockout in the 14th round. Mancini vows to come back from this loss just as he came back from the last one, but the chances that he'll ever beat Livingstone Bramble are low.

Dave Wolf, stung by the suggestion that he'll be making money by endangering Mancini's health, makes clear that no one is pressuring Mancini to fight again. "If after any fight, Ray sits back and wants to retire, he'll retire," says Wolf. Wolf further assures that Mancini will undergo a complete examination from two physicians and if all is not perfect, he won't fight again.

For Livingstone Bramble, who scored his 21st win (14th KO) against 1 loss and 1 draw, now is the time where he says he'll start making big money. The only problem is, that short of a rematch with Mancini or possibly a unification match with WBC champion Edwin Rosario, there's not an opponent out there against whom Bramble could equal the $150,000 purse that he collected as the challenger to Mancini.

After the fight, Bramble revealed that Dr. Doo, his voodoo doctor, is actually Marvin Matthews, his basketball coach from the Virgin Islands. With Dr. Doo backing Livingstone up, it's a good thing for Larry Bird that Bramble picked boxing instead of basketball as a profession. Who knows how acute the Dr.'s powers are when he's working with a sport that he's familiar with. ■

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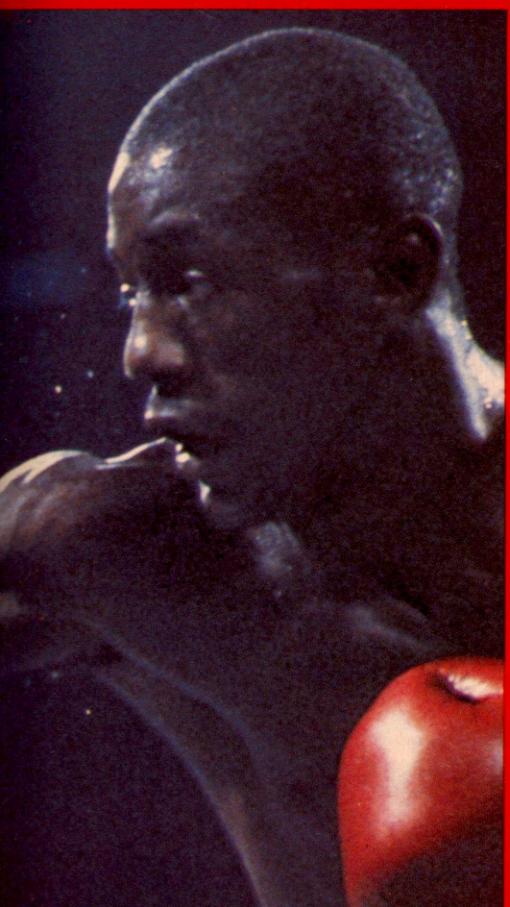

DOG BITES MAN
HATCHER DETHRONES BUMPHUS

The journalists' rule—'Dog Bites Man' is *not* news—did not hold when the 'Mad Dog' made Johnny go Bump in the night.

By RANDY GORDON

GENE "MAD DOG" HATCHER won only one round of his title fight against Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus. That is all he needed to become a champion.

Going into round 11 of their WBA junior welterweight title fight, Hatcher was hopelessly behind on all three of the officials' scorecards. He could not have won a decision. Only a knockout would have made him champion. And to knock out Johnny Bumphus was to perform quite a feat. In 356 amateur fights, "Bump City" lost only 16 times. Nobody had ever knocked him down. So what kind of chance did Gene Hatcher, who was over four inches shorter than Bumphus and decidedly slower, have of knocking out the unbeaten (22-0) champion? The answer is: Hardly any!

Bumphus had not fought since January 22, 1984, when he outpointed crafty Lorenzo Garcia for the vacant WBA championship—vacated by Aaron Pryor last September. Before that 15-round bout, trainer Georgie Benton, the wise old former middleweight contender from Philadelphia, told Bumphus, "Don't expect to look good this fight. Let's just win this one. The next time out you'll look good." And so, that was the plan. True to Benton's words, Bumphus didn't look good against Garcia. Although he easily won the decision, Bumphus was embarrassed along the way when the light-hitting Garcia dropped him in the fourth round. Also, many of the rounds which Bumphus won were close—closer than they should have been. Something was wrong—or, at least out of synch—with the 23-year-old southpaw champion who had shown so much promise and ability since stepping into the pros after winning the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1980 as the light welterweight representative. It was the same title Sugar Ray Leonard had won four years earlier on his way to fame and fortune at The Games of the XXI Olympiad in Montreal.

In the past, Bumphus relied on two quick hands, tremendous conditioning, the heart of a champion and a sturdy chin to win fights. On April 2, 1983, the first crack in Bumphus' pugilistic armor developed. His sturdy chin was dented.

Against journeyman Michael "Solid Gold" Bradley, Bumphus ate a right hand in the second round and crumbled to the canvas. Though he jumped up right away, it didn't take a boxing authority to know his legs were not responding to his commands. Calling upon all his massive skills, Bumphus survived the round and went on to stop Bradley in the sixth frame.

Three months later, Bumphus took on washed-up veteran Adriano Marrero and stopped him in the eighth round. Throughout the fight, Bumphus was sharp with his punches. He was fast. He was hard to hit. But he lacked one thing—strength. His punches lacked zip.

The following month, Bumphus faced Puerto Rico's Jose Angulo. THE RING RECORD BOOK shows a "KO 10" for Bumphus. What it doesn't show is Bumphus being knocked down late in the fight.

Though everybody involved with Bumphus claimed the knockdown came as a result of a) Bumphus being off-balance; b) a slip; c) a push and a few other choice—but untrue—reasons—the truth remained that Bumphus went down because his chin came in contact with a fist contained inside an

eight-ounce boxing glove.

Then came Bumphus' title-winning but unimpressive effort against Garcia. Though Bumphus won with room to spare, it was obvious to all who knew him that this was not prime Johnny "Bump City" Bumphus.

There were two prevalent theories as to what was happening to Bumphus. One of those theories claimed that Bumphus' chin was gone, that 356 amateur fights and 21 more as a pro was too much for his body to handle, that their cumulative effect had finally caught up with him. The other theory claimed that, at 6′ ¼″, and 23 years of age, Bumphus' body wanted to grow, wanted to put on poundage. By staying at 140 pounds, Bumphus was holding his body back. The body rebelled by losing strength.

And so, it came down to making a title defense and getting a title payday or moving up in weight and accepting a small paycheck. Bumphus talked it over with his promoter, Dan Duva, and his managers, Shelly Finkel and Lou Duva. It was decided that he'd take one title fight—and a hefty title payday—then move up to the welterweight division. Gene Hatcher, a tough, well-conditioned, aggressive—but not overly-dangerous—24-year-old from Ft. Worth, Texas, was given the opportunity to challenge Bumphus.

Hatcher was considered a "safe" title defense by Bumphus' management. His 21-2 (17 knockouts) record was spiced with victories over nothing-much, never-were and over-the-hill fighters. One such victory took place in April, 1982, when he outpointed former junior lightweight contender Alfredo Escalera over 10 rounds. Perhaps his biggest victory had been a 12-round decision over talented Joe Louis Manley last November. His two losses, both via 10-round decision, came against Tyrone Crawley in October, 1982, and against Escalera in a rematch last September.

The fight plans for both were simple: Bumphus wanted to move and use as much of the 18-foot ring as possible, occasionally stopping to whip in quick combinations, then get back up on his toes again. Hatcher, four inches shorter, could not afford to get cute. His plan was to cut off the ring on Bumphus and to keep on heavy pressure. Once inside, his plan was to "Vito Antuofermo him," to rough him up and to keep throwing punches.

At the opening bell, Bumphus, 139½, began moving to his right behind his fast southpaw jab. Almost one minute into the round he switched from the southpaw to the orthodox stance, catching Hatcher with a stiff left jab.

With 1:15 left on the clock in round one, Hatcher, 139½, bounced a right off Bumphus' jaw. For a moment, the champion's legs went spongy, but he came back firing a volley of blows, most of which were short, at the Texan.

"Bumphus got no chin," said WBC junior welterweight king Billy Costello, seated behind the writer and between Hector Camacho and Marvelous Marvin Hagler on his right and Rocky Lockridge and Aaron Pryor on his left.

As Hatcher moved to his right in his own corner with :50 gone in round two, he simultaneously slipped on a wet spot in his corner and took a chopping right to the chin

THE RING BOXSCORE™

June 1, 1984 **Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N.Y.**

BRAMBLE KO 14 MANCINI (Referee stops contest. Time: 0:53)

For WBA lightweight title Scheduled distance: 15 rounds

RAY MANCINI (champion)	**LIVINGSTONE BRAMBLE (challenger)**
135, Youngstown, 0.	**134½, Passaic, N.J.**
Seconds: Murphy Griffith (chief), Paul Percifield, Dave Wolf	Seconds: Lou Duva (chief), Tommy Parks, Ace Marotta

Referee: Marty Denkin (non-scoring)
Judges: Lou Morett, Stanley Berg, Mike Gliena

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

JUDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total (through 13 rounds)		
Morett	M	M	M	**B**	M	M	**B**	**B**	**B**	**B**	M	M	**B**	7-6	(124-123)	Mancini
Berg	M	M	**B**	M	M	M	**B**	**B**	**B**	M	M	**B**	M	8-5	(125-122)	Mancini
Gliena	**B**	**B**	M	**B**	M	**B**	**B**	**B**	**B**	**B**	M	M	**B**	9-4	(126-121)	**Bramble**
THE RING	—	***B***	*M*	*M*	*M*	—	***B***	***B***	***B***	***B***	***B***	*M*	***B***	*7-4-2*	*(126-123)*	***Bramble***

B = Bramble's round M = Mancini's round Dash (-) = even round (10-10)
All other rounds scored 10-9

KNOCKDOWNS: none

TIME-OUTS: 1 rd.1: Doctor checks cut over Mancini's right eye. Ref. rules it result of unintentional butt.

HATCHER KO 11 BUMPHUS (Referee stops contest. Time: 2:35)

For WBA junior welterweight title Scheduled distance: 15 rounds

JOHNNY BUMPHUS (champion)	**GENE HATCHER (challenger)**
139½, Clementon, N.J.	**139½, Fort Worth, Tex.**
Seconds: Lou Duva (chief), George Benton, Ace Marotta	Seconds: Dave Gorman (chief), Joe Barrientes, Ron Hatcher

Referee: John LoBianco (non-scoring)
Judges: Luis Rivera, Carol Castellano, Harold Lederman

SCORECARDS 10-point must system

JUDGE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total (through 10 rounds)		
Rivera	**H**	**H**	B	B	**H**	B	B	B	B	**H**	6 -4	(96-94)	Bumphus
Castellano	**H**	B	B	B	**H**	B	B	B	B	B	8 -2	(98-92)	Bumphus
Lederman	**H**	B*	B	B	**H**	B	B	B	B	B	8^{+1}-2	(99-91)	Bumphus
THE RING	—	*B*	*B*	*B*	***H***	*B*	*B*	*B*	*B*	—	*7 -1-2*	*(99-93)*	*Bumphus*

H = Hatcher's round B = Bumphus' round Dash (-) = even round (10-10)
Asterisk (*) indicates 2-point margin (10-8) All other rounds scored 10-9

KNOCKDOWNS: 2 **Hatcher down:** 1—rd. 2 **Bumphus down:** 1—rd. 11

TIME-OUTS: Rd. 2 was only 2:00 Rest period after rd. 2 lasted 1:15

Promoters: Top Rank, Inc. (Bob Arum) and Main Event Prod. (Dan Duva)
Purses: Mancini—$1,000,000 Bramble—$150,000 Bumphus—$175,000 Hatcher—$75,000
Ticket Prices: $200, $100, $60, $40, $25 **Attendance:** 14,500
Odds: Mancini 4-1 over Bramble Bumphus over Hatcher (no line)
Television: Katz Sports (live, syndicated nationally)

UNDERCARD

Charlie Brown, 136, North Naledon, N.J. W 10 (unan.) Remo DeCarlo, 136, Toronto Canada Ref: Frank Adams
Kenny Willis, 138½, New York KO 3 (2:48) Jim Giambelluca, Buffalo Ref: Pete Sacco

and went down. Referee Johnny LoBianco called it a knockdown and immediately drew a chorus of boos from the crowd which was stilling filing in.

Bumphus boxed smartly in the second and seemed to be just finding his rhythm, when, with just two minutes gone in the round, the bell rang. It was the third time during the night's card that the timekeeper had misread his watch. From there, the KATZ TV people, who were telecasting the bout to numerous markets around the country, took control of the official time. The timekeeper? He'll probably work the next major televised fight card, but only from in front of the television in his den!

The champion went up on his toes and stayed there for three solid minutes in the fourth. He looked especially sharp when he moved to the ropes after one minute, matching Hatcher on offense and baffling him on defense.

The challenger came right out to start the fifth, but he was met by a quick clinch by Bumphus. Bumphus came out of the clinch and landed a pretty right-left-right to the face, then took off behind his exceptional jab. With :52 remaining, Hatcher hurt the champion with a right, then stayed on him as he moved to the ropes. If Hatcher thought he had Bumphus then, he found out differently. Bumphus may have been shaken up, but he fought back incredibly well as his back was to the ropes.

Twice in the first minute of the sixth round Hatcher hurt Bumphus, both times with hooks. For the rest of the round, Bumphus moved and used his superior speed, taking advantage of Hatcher, who was content to plod his way slowly in, hardly throwing any punches.

Rounds seven and eight were the slowest of the fight, as Bumphus used his vast boxing skills to stay on the move, to keep Hatcher off-balance and score points with quick combinations from both the southpaw and orthodox stance.

With :23 gone in round nine, Hatcher drilled a right to Bumphus' jaw. The punch may have hurt Bumphus, but he tried not to show it by smiling at Hatcher. Fighters often grin after a punch hurts them.

There were 75 seconds remaining in the round when Bumphus opened up with his best combination of the fight. Six consecutive right jabs to the head started a 17-punch combination which drove Hatcher backward. Twenty seconds later, Bumphus switched to the right-handed style, then backed to the ropes where he spent the remainder of the round mixing with Hatcher.

The 10th was the last round "Bump City" won as a champion. He won it with some masterful boxing and a sharp, fast—if not powerful—jab. Bumphus was only :10

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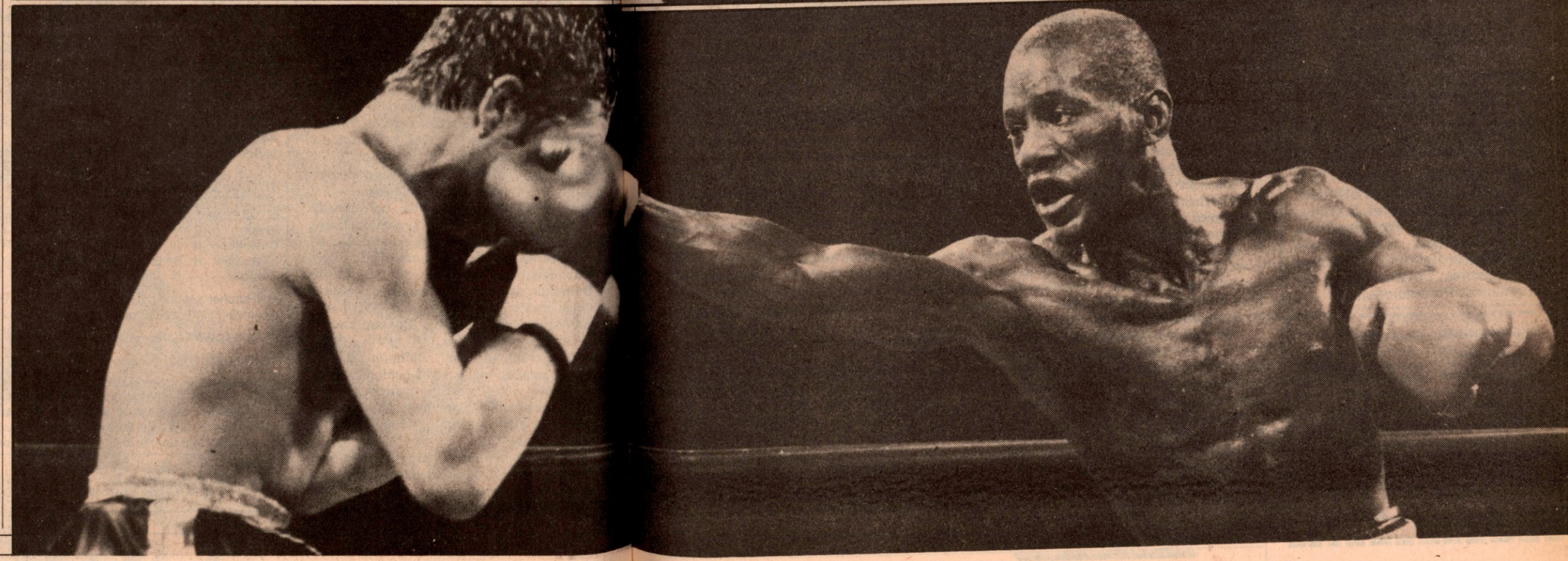
Until the surprise ending, lefty Bumphus had parried Hatcher's punches while landing right jabs of his own.



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away from completing perhaps his best round of the fight when a hook found his chin, followed by a right. His legs sagged and he fell into the ropes.

He fought back then looked to clinch as Hatcher moved forward. Then the bell rang. After the bell, Hatcher let a hook go at Bumphus' face. It landed. Furious, Bumphus drilled him a return shot. Now it was Hatcher's turn. Before he could land another punch, referee LoBianco threw his arms around Hatcher. The challenger struggled to get free. LoBianco kept tugging at him, then lost his balance and started to fall while still holding onto Hatcher.

At the same time, Lou Duva had shot through the ropes and was on his way to Bumphus' rescue. When he got to his fighter, he wrapped his arms around him and pulled him away from the fracas. Later, Hatcher would say, "It was because of that whole scene that the 'Mad Dog' in me woke up. Up until then, he had been sleeping. But when Lou Duva ran across the ring and hit me in my back, I got totally fired up."

Hatcher may indeed have gotten "fired up" because of the incident, but it wasn't because Duva hit him in the back. Duva did NOT hit him, as the television replay later showed. All he did was pull Bumphus away. Perhaps Hatcher had thought it was Duva hitting him when in fact it was LoBianco merely wrestling him away from Bumphus.

"If I had hit Hatcher he would have known it," said Duva. "I hit a lot harder than Johnny Bumphus!"

Believing he had Bumphus in trouble and fighting with a fervor he had not yet shown in the fight, Hatcher stormed Bumphus from the opening bell. He pressed his way in and mauled the champion on the inside. Bumphus, showing signs of weariness, slid away and fired long—though not so snappy—jabs at Hatcher.

With 1:49 remaining, Hatcher staggered the resident of Clementon, N.J., with a hard left hook. Bumphus grabbed onto Hatcher with his left. LoBianco quickly moved to break them. Bumphus started to move, but a right to the chin drove him into the ropes at the midway point in the round.

With 1:05 remaining, Bumphus ran into a well-timed left hook over his low-held right. The punch found his chin, and his upper body pitched forward after turning 90° to the right. Then he fell on his face.

Almost immediately he rolled over into a sitting position. Then, both of his legs began to shake. Television announcer Bill Mazer called the shaking "convulsions." This writer doesn't see it that way. Bumphus was hurt, sure. But he knew where he was, and began to voluntarily bounce his legs, trying to shake away the "pins and needles" feeling which sometimes accompanies a knockdown.

Bumphus arose at LoBianco's count of eight as Hatcher ran around the ring with his hands aloft in victory.

At the :46 mark, Hatcher wrestled Bumphus to the canvas. Immediately he sprang back up. As he was getting up, an overeager Hatcher fired a wild overhand right at him and missed. The momentum carried Hatcher into his own corner where he fell facing the ropes.

Bumphus, his head clear but his legs still not right, headed across the ring to his corner, trying to buy a few precious seconds. In came Hatcher.

The Texan missed a left, then planted a right to Bumphus' head. Bumphus had his back to the ropes. LoBianco stayed close, keeping a watch on Bumphus.

Hatcher threw three more punches at Bumphus. None landed. Bumphus either blocked them or slipped under them. Then, while ducking one of the shots, he reached out and grabbed Hatcher around the waist in an effort to buy a few more seconds rest. At that point, however, LoBianco stepped in and waved the fight over.

Bumphus exploded. Lou Duva exploded. Dan Duva exploded. The Hatcher camp rejoiced. Bumphus went after Hatcher. The ring was bedlam. When calm was restored, the decision had stood. At 2:35 of the 11th round, Gene Hatcher had stopped Johnny Bumphus to become WBA junior welterweight champion.

Later, Hatcher praised the man he had just beaten, while praising himself as well.

"Not many guys could have taken all the punches I took and kept coming back," said Hatcher. He thanked his long time promoter, Bob Arum, he thanked his corner, Joe Barrientes and Ron Hatcher (his father) and his manager, David Gorman. He also thanked his stablemate, Robin Blake, who had provided him with the southpaw sparring he needed to see in order to beat Bumphus, and he thanked the Lord. After that, he thanked the City of Buffalo for making his stay so enjoyable. The feeling is he may as well have fun as champion now and get those "Thank You's" out of the way now, because he may not have too much to be thankful for in his first defense.

As for Bumphus, his return will take place this fall. He will be back, but as a welterweight.

In the dressing room he shared with Livingstone Bramble, who would later that evening stop Ray Mancini for the WBA lightweight title, Bumphus said, "I just want to apologize for my actions after the fight. I don't know what to say. All I can say is 'I'm sorry.' "

But then, being champion means never having to say you're sorry. ■

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE "FIGHTER OF THE MONTH"? MR. LIVINGSTONE, WE PRESUME. For his superbly confident, patiently executed attack that systematically weakened Ray Mancini before emphatically knocking out and dethroning the WBA lightweight champion in the 14th round at Memorial Hall in Buffalo, **Livingstone Bramble** receives this month's honor.

● Runner-up for "Fighter Of The Month" is **Albert Davila,** the WBC bantamweight champion, who absorbed a beating for six rounds from challenger Enrique Sanchez in Miami, but turned the tables on his Dominican foe when a thunderstorm almost submerged the ring in round seven. Davila KO'd Sanchez in round 11.

● Other fighters deserving mention: **Victor "Luvi" Callejas,** the young Puerto Rican junior featherweight sensation did what was expected of him when he knocked out Loris Stecca for the WBA title on the island; **Gene "Mad Dog" Hatcher** did the unexpected when after being solidly outboxed for 10 rounds, he pounced on a tired Johnny Bumphus in the 11th, earning a controversial TKO victory and with it, the WBA junior welterweight title; **James "Bonecrusher" Smith** waited until the last minute to come alive in his heavyweight battle with Frank Bruno in London, but knocked the hometowner down for the count when he caught up with him in round 10. All in all, a month of surprises and upsets.

CALLEJAS-STECCA
WBA Junior Featherweight Title

GUAYNABO, P.R.—VICTOR (LUVI) Callejas, Guaynabo, won the WBA junior featherweight title by knocking out defending champion Lorris Stecca of Italy in 2:58 of the eighth round in a scheduled 15-round title bout at Mets Pavilion.

Callejas seemed to tire after bloodying the mouth and nose of the Italian in the first four sessions. He went on the defensive as the ever aggressive Stecca plodded forward. At times, the defending champion was over anxious, and would miss as Luvi bobbed-and-weaved. When Stecca landed, however, he appeared to be effective.

His local fans implored Callejas to stop back pedalling and resume throwing punches. Luvi responded by taking complete charge in the eighth canto, hitting Stecca seemingly at will. Late in the session, a left-right combination floored the Italian and set him up for a continuing volley that left him battered and bleeding. He put up a gallant fight, but finally went down and was counted out by referee Larry Rozadilla.

Quique Carrion, who trains Callejas, said the fight went "according to plans. Luvi had not gone more than a few rounds in his career, and we wanted to play it safe in the early going. When the opening came, we took advantage of it."

Callejas, now 18-1-1, is managed by WBA kingpin Pepi Cordero. He has been compared to everyone from Wilfred Benitez to Wilfredo Gomez, and is already one of the most popular fighters in the history of Puerto Rico.

Stecca, managed by Umberto Branchini, is now 34-1-1.

Former world junior lightweight champion Samuel Serrano knocked out Candido Santamaria in 1:24 of the first round in a scheduled 10. This was Serrano's debut as a lightweight, and his first fight since his title loss to Roger Mayweather last year.

Former WBA junior featherweight champion Leonardo Cruz TKO'd Julio Guzman at 2:59 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Guzman, who had not fought in more than two years, made Cruz fight every inch of the way. Cruz is a stablemate of Callejas.

Eusebio Espinal of the Dominican Republic knocked out Gaspar Barrientos, Mexico, in the first round of their scheduled 10. Espinal is one of the WBA's top 10 flyweights.

Valerio Nati, Italy, TKO'd Orlando (Cocolia) Maldonado, Puerto Rico, in the fifth round of another scheduled 10. There were no knockdowns, and Maldonado strongly protested when referee Palu Quinones called a halt. Carlos Pinango, Venezuela, won a unanimous decision over Milton Torres, Puerto Rico, 10 rounds, feathers.

Ramon Perez TKO'd Gelasio Morales at 2:05 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder. (05-26-84)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

GARZA-OROZCO
WBC Junior Featherweight Title

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA—Under cloudy skies and delightful breezes coming off the Atlantic Ocean 200 yards away, Jaime Garza upped his record to 40-0 (38 knockouts) with a sensational, one-punch knockout of THE RING's number 4-rated

challenger Felipe Orozco of Colombia.

The fight was held on the beach in Miami, the first half of a title doubleheader, co-featuring WBC bantamweight king Albert Davila defending against Enrique Sanchez.

Garza, 24, was expected to have trouble with the undefeated (17-0) Orozco, who, at 5′ 11″, was four inches taller than him. Orozco's southpaw style was also figured to give the champion problems. In rounds one and two, this was the case.

Garza, 121¾, went right after Orozco, looking to slow him down with body shots. However, the skinny Colombian, 122, kept on the move behind a fast, snappy right jab, catching Garza several times walking in looking for one big punch. On a few occasions, Orozco landed right-left combinations off Garza's face, but they barely made the champion blink.

As the third round started, Orozco continued doing what he had to do to win—move. Garza began doing what he knew he had to do—close the gap between them. He began slipping Orozco's shots and/or walking through them.

With just under one minute gone in the third round, Orozco made the fatal mistake of stopping on the ropes. Instead of keeping his hands high and then attempting to smother any attack from Garza, Orozco bent low, his chin hanging out in front of his feet. Garza took aim with a right uppercut. It was a direct hit. The challenger toppled forward and landed face down, where referee Tony Perez—working his 46th championship fight as either a referee or judge—counted him out at 1:08 of the round.

Afterwards, Garza noted that the pro-Orozco crowd had fired him up.

"When the crowd is against me I always fight better!"

For the defense, his first, Garza was paid $100,000. Orozco earned approximately $30,000. The Garza-Orozco bout was the first title fight ever held on a Florida beach.

Because of the violent wind and rainstorm which struck the area, only two of the scheduled six undercard fights took place. In the opening bout of matchmaker Ron Katz' card, Greg Richardson, 118, Youngstown, Ohio, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Edgar Acevedo, 118, Colombia. Greg won all the way, but was made to work by the tough Colombian, who suffered a cut above the right eye in round seven. The referee for this one was Eddie Eckart.

In the other undercard bout, Juan Arroyo, 135, Miami, won a rousing split decision over Efrain Nieves, 135, Puerto Rico, in what should be given consideration as one of the top fights of 1984. The two slugged it out all 10 rounds and had the fans cheering throughout. After losing the first two rounds, Arroyo came back strong to capture the middle rounds. However, he still needed a sensational last round to win the verdict. The scoring of the judges was as follows: Rick Bays, 96-95, Nieves; Barry Pearlman, 97-95, Arroyo; and Ed Levine, 98-95, Arroyo. The referee was Bill Conners. Arroyo is now 21-1 with 10 knockouts.

PROMOTERS: Don King Productions and Round One, in association with Royale Promotions.

MATCHMAKER: Ron Katz

TELEVISION: Assorted cable markets and closed-circuit areas; Al Albert and Randy Gordon, announcers.

ATTENDANCE: 5,800 (est.)

(5-26-84) ***LOUIS ZIPKIN***

PEDROZA-MAYOR
WBA Featherweight Title

MARACAIBO, VENEzuela—Panamanian Eusebio Pedroza retained his WBA

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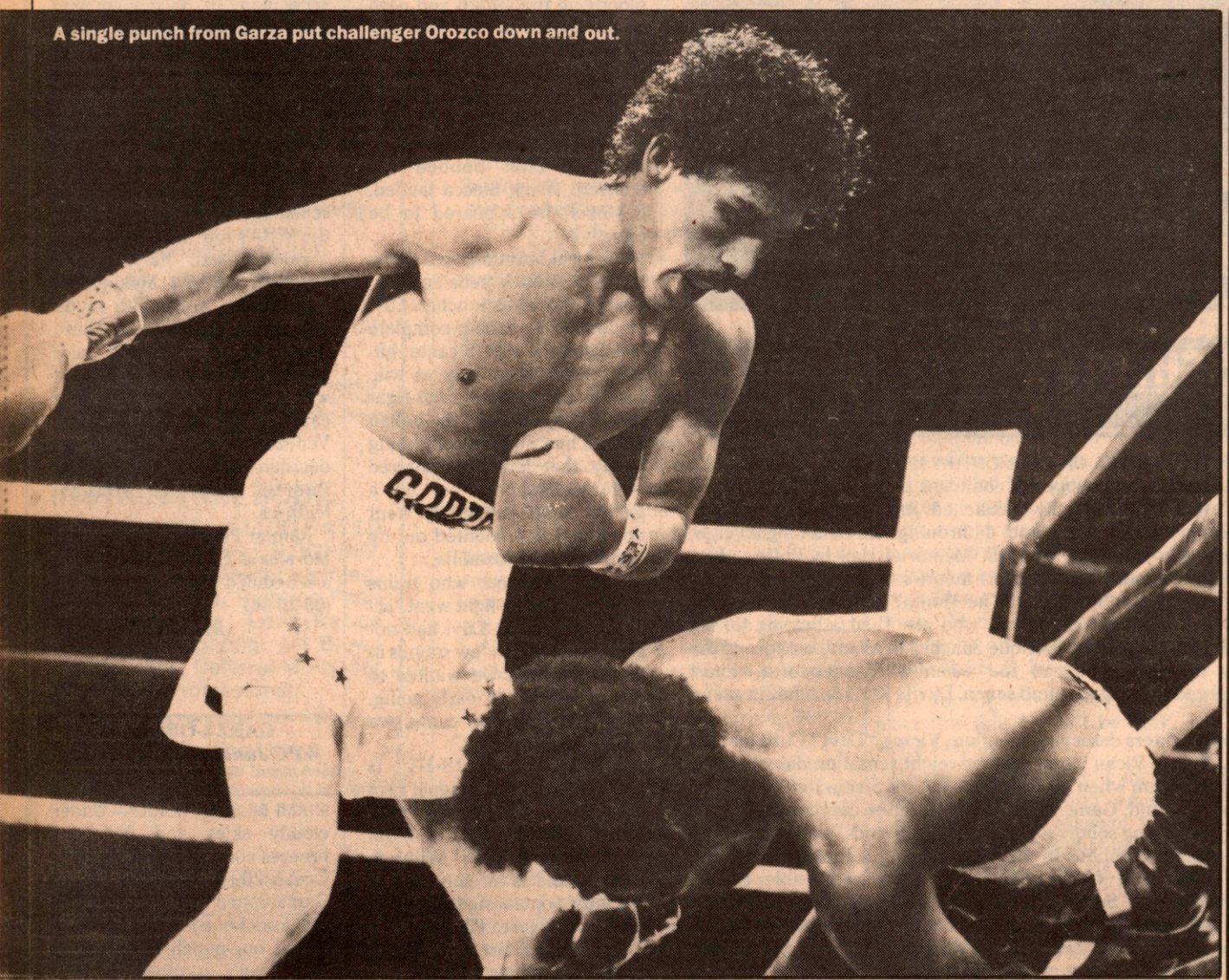


A single punch from Garza put challenger Orozco down and out.

featherweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision over previously undefeated Angel Levy Mayor of Venezuela by scores of 147-140 (Nate Morgan, United States), 149-128 (Albert Wilensky, United States) and 145-140 (Bernardo Soto, Puerto Rico).

It was a typical Pedroza fight. The lanky champion started slowly and gradually picked up momentum as the bout progressed. Eusebio is a master craftsman and the most artful "dirty fighter" around. In between landing legal punches, he skillfuly mixed in a full array of fouls. He punched low, used his elbows and shoulders and generally took advantage of every dirty trick in the book. But referee Bernie Soto, of Miami, failed to penalize him, despite frequent warnings.

Mayor, a local favorite, showed plenty of courage and excellent conditioning, but proved no match for the vastly more experienced champion. He took a steady battering throughout the fight and finished with a cut over his left eye. The challenger's one moment of glory came in the eighth when he shook Pedroza with a left hook. Although Mayor never looked to have a chance of winning, he gave it everything he had and was still punching back at the final bell.

It was Pedroza's 18th defense of his crown and, perhaps, the last. At 31 years of age, he is having increasing difficulty making the 126-pound weight limit and wants to move up.

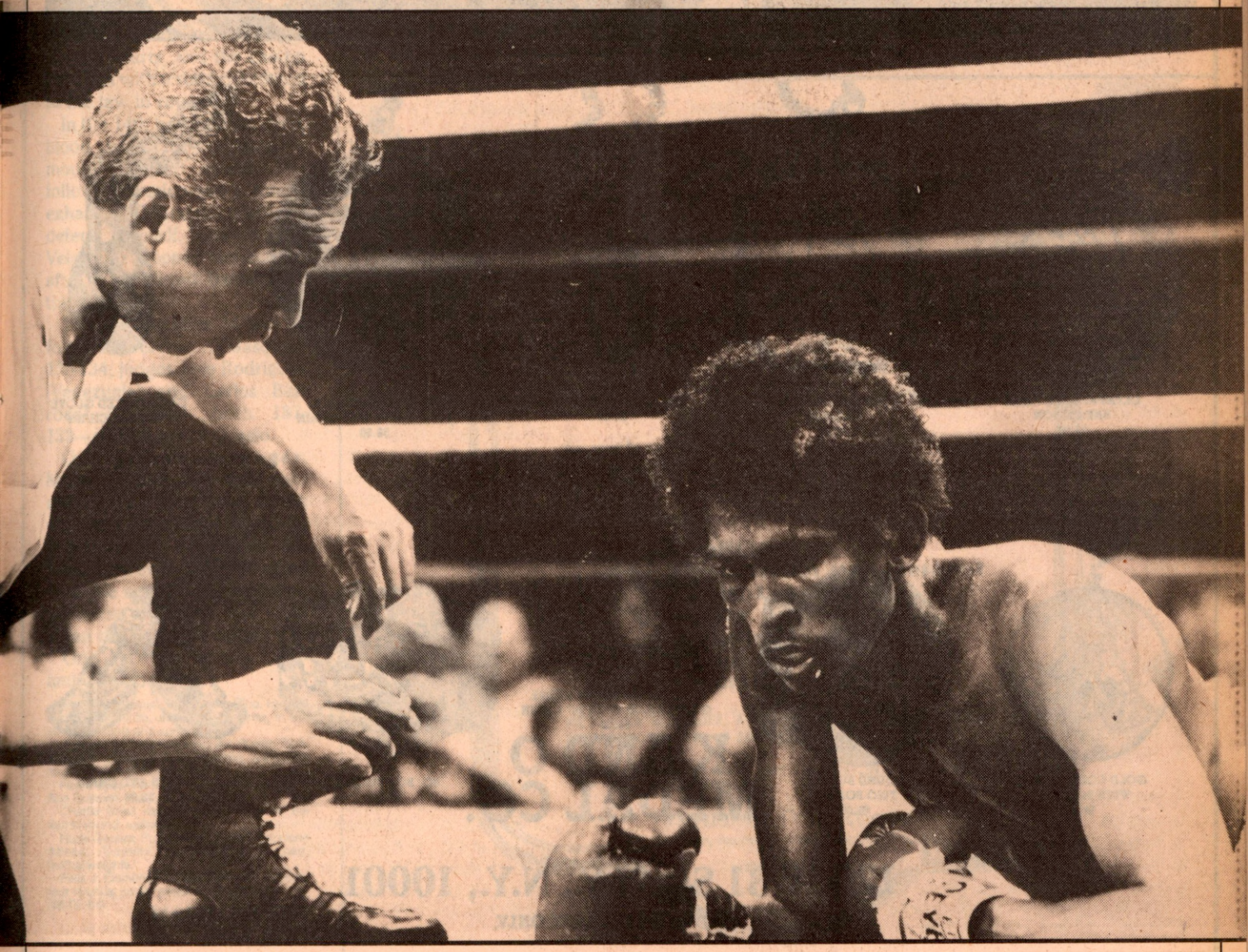
"My goal now is to go after Rocky Lockridge," said Esebio after the fight. He has already beaten the current WBA junior lightweight boss twice at the featherweight level.

MUGABI-JOHNSON

ONE LEFT HOOK WAS ALL IT took. Undefeated middleweight terror John (The Beast) Mugabi racked up victory (and knockout) number 22 just 37 seconds into the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder. The sacrificial lamb was Wilbur (Vampire) Johnson, a so-so club fighter from Indianapolis. Why a highly-rated contender such as Mugabi was fighting a guy like Johnson remains a mystery. Perhaps NBC-TV, who televised the match (?) as part of a double-header along with the Pedroza-Mayor title bout, could provide an answer.

Johnson managed to stay away from Mugabi during the first round by jabbing and moving. Unfortunately for Wilbur, he just couldn't keep it up. Early in the second, Mugabi slipped a jab and uncorked a mighty left hook that landed flush on Johnson's jaw. As he hit the floor, Johnson's eyes rolled back in his head and it was somewhat of a surprise when he staggered to his feet. Fortunately, the referee took a long look at Wilbur and wisely decided to terminate the mismatch.

(05-27-84)



OCASIO-ODHIAMBO
WBA Jr. Heavyweight Title

GUAYNABO, P.R.—OSVALDO (Jaws) Ocasio retained his WBA junior heavyweight title with a TKO over Ugandan challenger John Odhiambo in the 15th and final round of their title contest.

It was a close fight until the stoppage, and Odhiambo proved to be a lot better than many had expected. Taller than the champ, he jabbed well and was particularly effective in close. The African fought with spirit and determination despite the hostile crowd.

Ocasio seemed to get befuddled after he found out that Odhiambo was not programmed for an early knockout loss. John would retaliate whenever Ossie mounted an attack, and it was the shorter-reached Ocasio who resorted to his jab in an at-

Ocasio (l.) caught up with and stopped Odhiambo in round 15.

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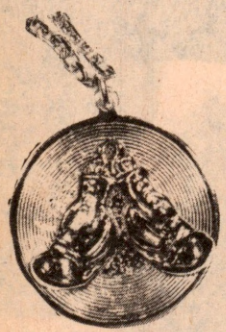

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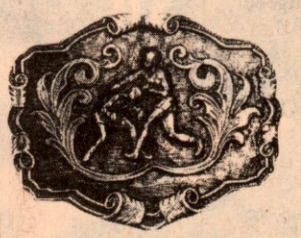

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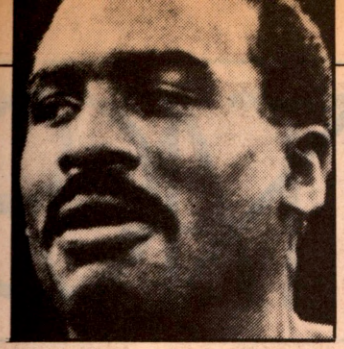

tempt to keep his opponent at a distance.

The seventh session was particularly crucial for the champion. He looked tired, and Odhiambo looked to have him on the way to an early retirement. But the intervention of Venezuelan referee Isidro Velasquez, who insisted that some loose tape from John's glove be cut, gave Osvaldo the respite he needed in the closing seconds of the round.

From then on, Ossie took command. Odhiambo fought only in spurts, and the champ hurt him with a solid right hand to the jaw in round 13.

In the 14th heat, Ocasio drew blood from the challenger's mouth and left eyelid. The following session saw a totally exhausted Odhiambo unable to defend himself, and referee Velasquez stopped the contest after a two-fisted barrage by the champ.

The scoring after 14 was as follows: referee Velasquez, 138-134; judges Jose Rodriguez (Venezuela) and Carlos Berrocal (Panama), both 137-133—all in favor of Ocasio.

Odhiambo's manager, Mogens Palle, said that both men were "dead tired at the end and one final push by either would have won the fight. However, I do not agree with the scoring and feel that, at worst, the fight was even when the stoppage came."

One gets the feeling Odhiambo will be back.

Jose R. DeJesus, 108, Puerto Rico, kayoed Benedicto Murillo, also 108, Panama, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Lightweight Tomas Rodriguez, Puerto Rico, knocked out Julio P. Ruiz, Panama, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.

Felix Reyes, Dominican Republic, outscored Ace Rusevski, Italy, 10, welters.

Charlie Baez kayoed Carlos Velez in the fourth round, welters.

Noris Gautier, Puerto Rico, halted Mauriano Abreu, Dominican Republic, in two, featherweights.

Felix J. Quinones outscored Henry Lozada, four rounds, junior middles.

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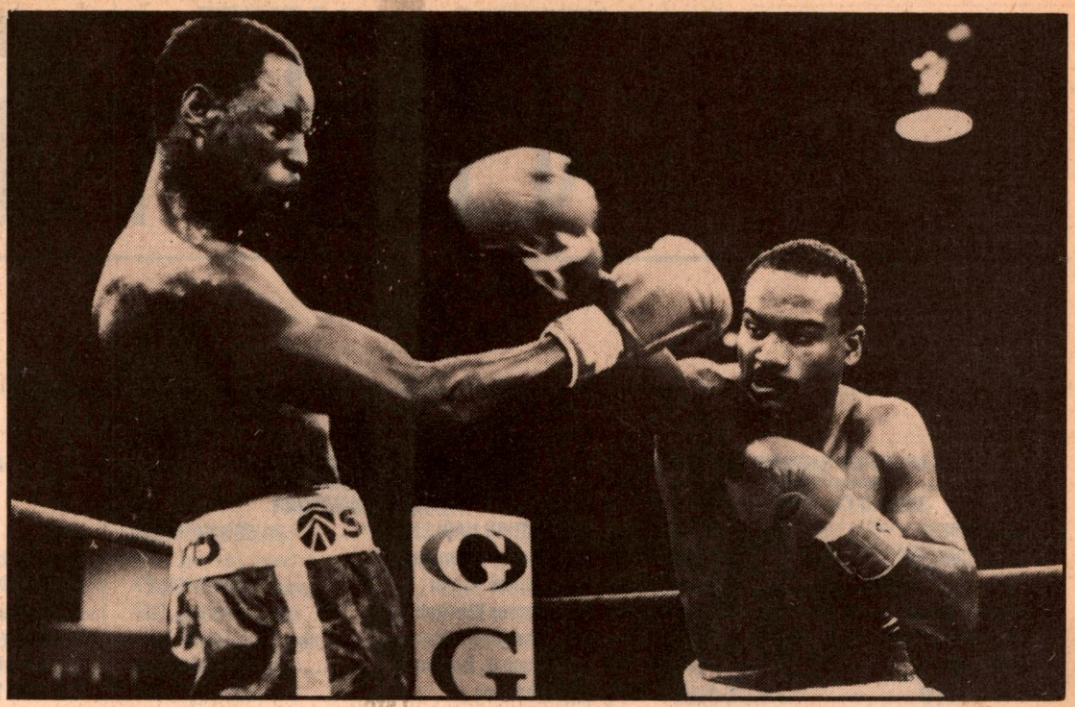

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6. **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
7. **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroons
9. **Richie Kates** ..... Bridgeton, N.J.
10. **Cesar Romero** ..... Argentina

11. Charles Singleton 12. (Tie) Alex Blanchard, John Davis 14. Fulgencio Obelmejias 15. (Tie) Rudi Koopmans, Anthony Witherspoon 17. (Tie) David Sears, Mike Rossman 19. Jose Flores

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

M. MARVIN HAGLER* **△ ..... Brockton, Mass.

1. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Juan D. Roldan** ..... Argentina
6. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
7. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
8. **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Alex Ramos** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
10. **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Murray Sutherland 12. Bobby Czyz 13. (Tie) John Collins, Mark Holmes 15. Nestor Flores

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.

1. **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
2. **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
4. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
6. **Mark Medal**△ ..... Jersey City, N.J.
7. **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
10. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.

11. (Tie) Herol Graham, Julian Jackson 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. (Tie) Sean Mannion, Buster Drayton 16. Luigi Minchillo 17. (Tie) Duane Thomas, Mario Maldonado, Carlos Santos

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** △ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
5. **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
6. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
7. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
10. **Pipino Cuevas** ..... Mexico City, Mexico

11. Elio Diaz 12. Pedro Vilella 13. Milton Guest 14. (Tie) Juan Rondon, Lupe Aquino Robert Rucker, Carlos Trujillo, Pablo Baez 19. Kevin Howard

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Billy Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas.
4. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
5. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
6. **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
7. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
8. **Hugo Hernandez** ..... Argentina
9. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Lorenzo Garcia** ..... Argentina

11. Bruce Curry 12. Mario Cusson 13. (Tie) Reyes Cruz, Ubaldo Sacco 15. Clint McKenzie 16. Hidekazu Akai 17. (Tie) Rene Arredondo, Sang-Ho Lee

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
5. **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
6. **Harry Arroyo**△ ..... Youngstown, Ohio
7. **Alvin Hayes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
10. **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.

11. (Tie) Orlando Romero, Charles "White Lightning" Brown 13. (Tie) Ken Bogner, Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown 15. Terrance Alli 16. (Tie) Jimmy Paul Nick Furlano

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROCKY LOCKRIDGE* ..... Maple Shade, N.J.

1. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
4. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
6. **Edgar Castro** ..... Venezuela
7. **Julio Chavez** ..... Mexico
8. **Jean Marc Renard** ..... Belgium
9. **Tae-Jin Moon** ..... Korea
10. **Yonekura Ikhoni** ..... Japan

11. Il-Bok Lee 12. (Tie) Refugio Rojas, Yoshimitsu Azato 14. Mario Martinez 15. Alfredo Raininger

RATINGS

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1. **Wilfredo Gomez**** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan LaPorte** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Guam
4. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
5. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
6. **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
7. **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
8. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell 12. (Tie) Oscar Bejines, Jorge Lujan 14. Gerald Hayes 15. Angel Mayor 16. Paul DeVorce 17. Sergio Zambrano

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
6. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic
8. **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
9. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Raul Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela

11. Seung-Hoon Lee 12. Oscar Muniz 13. (Tie) Bobby Berna, Ji-Won Kim 15. (Tie) Pongpan Sorphayathai, Ramon Dominguez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, California
1. **Albert Davila**** ..... Pomona, Calif.
2. **Jeff Chandler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
4. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic
5. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
7. **Payao Poontarat** ..... Thailand
8. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
9. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
10. **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson 12. Miguel Lora 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Paul Ferreri 15. Jorge Ramirez 16. (Tie) James Pipps, Daniel Zaragoza 18. James Manning 19. (Tie) Wilfredo Vasquez, Suk-Chul Bae

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

GABRIEL BERNAL** ..... Mexico
1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
4. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
5. **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
6. **Koji Kobayashi** ..... Japan
7. **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
8. **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
9. **German Torres** ..... Mexico
10. **Charlie Magri** ..... England

11. Juan Herrera 12. Reinaldo Becerra 13. Eleoncio Mercedes 14. Joey Olivo 15. (Tie) Frank Cedeno, Sugar Roja, Isidro Perez 18. Jose de Jesus

Ratings as of June 13, 1984

* WBA CHAMPION
** WBC CHAMPION
△ IBF CHAMPION

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▲RESEDA—Country Club—Walter Sims, 136, North Hollywood, beat former Thailand lightweight Champion Jenrub Muangsurin, 136, Bangkok, who quit with 0:39 left in the second of a scheduled 10 after being pushed to the canvas. Muangsurin was legitimately floored in the first. John Thomas, referee.

Hard punching Tsuyoshi Hamada, 137½, Okinawa, knocked out Greg Triplett, 136½, Pasadena, in 2:49 of the third of a scheduled eight. Triplett was down in the first and the third. Dr. James Jen-Kin referee.

Lorenzo Rodriguez, 132½, Colton, scored an upset, taking a unanimous six round decision over reluctant Alfonso Velasquez, 133, East Los Angeles. Rodriguez chased and won all but the third round. A left dropped Velasquez in the second. Scoring: referee Kenny Davis 59-55; judge Jen-Kin 59-54; judge Thomas 59-56.

Unbeaten John Smith, 175, San Bernardino, unanimously outpointed Richard Harrell, 178, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin 40-36; judge Thomas 39-37; judge Davis 39-38.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

(4-3-84)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—German Torres, 112, Celaya, Mexico, always looked much too strong for Panama's Alfonso Lopez, 111, who was stopped in 2:28 of the sixth in a scheduled 10. Referee Lou Filippo intervened after the former WBA flyweight champion had been decked by a right. Lopez had also been on the floor in round two.

The value of explosive punching power was well demonstrated by once beaten Rene Arredondo 141, Apatzingan, Mexico, when he stopped California newcomer Ricardo Lomeli, 141, San Jose, in 2:36 of the second of a scheduled 10. A single left uppercut dropped Lomeli, bloodied his nose, and opened such an ugly gash on his right cheekbone that referee Rudy Jordan stopped the fight after only a cursory examination.

Ramon Rico, 119, Apatzingan, unanimously outpointed Alfredo Hernandez, 119, Torreon, Mexico, in a hard fought and always entertaining 10. The bout drew a big shower of coins from appreciative ringsiders. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado 98-93; judge Jordan 100-93; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin 99-91.

Jorge Ramirez, 124¼, Los Angeles, halted Salvador Caballero, 124, El paso, in the second of a scheduled 10. After a good first, Caballero went to the ropes in the second and stopped fighting back, giving referee Jen-Kin no other option but to stop the fight at 2:20 of the round.

Victor Paredes, 127, Mexico City, opened a cut under the left eye of Candido Santa Maria, 127, Los Angeles, which brought a premature end to a scheduled 10, referee Delgado intervening after 1:11 of the fourth. Santa Maria was usually on the defensive.

Gary Hawkins, 128, Los Angeles, looked a bit lucky to take a unanimous but dreary four round points win over previously unbeaten John Shea, 128, San Pedro.

Adolfo Lopez, 119, Los Angeles, kayoed game but outclassed Pablo Quintero, 119, Los Angeles, referee Jordan stepping in after 2:07 of the second of a scheduled four. Quintero was decked twice.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

(4-12-84)

▲INGLEWOOD—The Forum—Unbeaten Mike Sedillo, 175, Chino, won The Forum Light Heavyweight Championship by knocking out California Champion G.C. Smith, 173½, Long Beach, in 1:25 of the 10th in a scheduled 12, but it was a fight devoid of inspiration or aggression. Sedillo and Smith were awkward and limited, and fought the first half of the match to a chorus of boos from the 4,000 fans in attendance. Referee Marty Denkin took time out in the sixth to lecture both fighters and their managers, Sedillo responding by flooring Smith in the opening seconds of the seventh. A series of overhand swings sent Smith to the canvas in the 10th, putting an end to a forgettable fight. Scoring through nine: Denkin 88-82; judge Armando Muniz 88-85; judge Lou Moret 88-83.

Ernie Johnson, 125, San Diego, advanced to the semi-finals of The Forum featherweight tournament with a surprisingly close but unanimous decision over Roman Almaguer, 126, Chino, in a hard fought fight which had the crowd on its feet at the finish. Johnson, bleeding from a gash over his left eye from the fourth, fought with courage and skill to take seven of the 10 rounds on The Ring scorecard. However, he had to convincingly win the final two rounds to take the verdict on two of the officials' cards. Scoring: referee Moret 96-95; judge Muniz 97-96; judge Denkin 97-93.

Felix Rodriguez, 132½, Panama City, got off the floor in round two to unanimously outpoint James Sowell, 126, Los Angeles, in another featherweight elimination bout. Rodriguez was badly hurt after being decked by a right halfway through the round, but came back with a right of his own to floor Sowell just over a minute later. Sowell was also down in the eighth. Scoring: referee Muniz 100-95; judge Moret 99-91; judge Denkin 99-91.

Carlos Manzano, 116¼, San Pedro, made it four straight wins when he unanimously outpointed debuting Yuki Horiuchi, 116, Huntington Beach, five. The 30 year old Horiuchi was floored and rescued by the final bell. He was also floored in the third. Between the knockdowns, Horiuchi gamely made a fight of it, winning, or at least sharing, the fourth. Scoring: referee Moret 50-44; Muniz 50-44; Denkin 49-45.

Once-beaten Ernest Lee Curtis, 145, Los Angeles, kayoed outgunned Tommy Montes, 149, Paramount, referee Muniz intervening in 2:08 of the first of a scheduled five after Montes had been dropped twice.

Timekeeper—Cliff Gosz

(4-23-84)

▲CULVER CITY—Veterans Memorial Auditorium—J.B. Williamson, 170, Los Angles, cemented his ranking as the best light heavyweight in the state with a seventh round KO over veteran James Williams, 175, Portland. Williamson was well ahead on points when he floored Williams with a left hook to the ribs at the end of the round. Williams got up at eight, but was led to his corner, bent over and clutching his side, by referee John Thomas. Williams was also flattened and almost finished in round five, but won over the sparse crowd by beating Thomas' count.

Four-bout Keith Potts, 136, Pomona, sent the once promising Poncho Velasquez, 134, Los Angeles, into retirement after a one-sided thrashing over six, all three officials scoring 59-53. It would have been a shutout, but Potts was docked a point for low blows in the first. Velasquez was down and nearly out in the second. Pat Conolly, referee.

Journeyman Doug James, 150, Los Angeles, fought with newfound confidence and finished off Rosendo Medina, 150, Tijuana, in 2:10 of the fifth of a scheduled six. A left-right to the head stretched Medina for the count. It was the first time in his eighteen fight career that James had won two fights consecutively. Medina, a southpaw, had claimed to be unbeaten in eleven fights. Robert Byrd, referee. Danny Lopez, 158, Orange, impressively ran out a shutout points victory over previously unbeaten James Benjamin, 158, Bakersfield, four, all three officials scoring 40-35. Benjamin was down in the first. The 24 year old Lopez, currently also active as a kick-boxer, is now 2-0 as an orthodox fighter.

Alex Garcia, timekeeper.

(4-24-84)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Former WBC bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor, 124, Mexico City, knocked out Cleo Garcia, 124, Nicaragua, with a left hook to the liver at the end of the first of a scheduled 10. A painful defeat for the exiled Garcia, whose major claim to fame was a distance loss to Jorge Lujan in a bantamweight title challenge in 1979. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 132½, Guadalajara, floored and stopped previously unbeaten Donnie Brooks, 132½, Denver, at the end of the second of a scheduled 10. Brooks was quite rightly angered by the stoppage, but referee Larry Rozadilla's hasty intervention probably saved the inexperienced Brooks from a much more damaging inside-the-distance defeat.

Jorge Ramirez, 124, Los Angeles, kayoed china-chinned Hugo Partida, 123, Mexico City, referee Chuck Hassett intervening in 1:27 of the second of a schuedled 10. Partida was floored twice in each of the first two rounds. The 19 year old Ramirez had a slow start as a professional, but has now won five in a row.

Southpaw Juan Paredes, 126¾, Mexico City, unanimously outscored punching bag Tony Guido, 130, Los Angeles, 10. Despite taking a beating in nearly every round, the tough Guido stayed on his feet and put up a strong fight. Scoring: referee Rozadilla 100-91; judge Gwen Farrell 100-91; judge Hassett 99-91. Gary Hawkins, 132, Los Angeles, and Joe Cruz, 128½, Los Angeles, drew, four. Hawkins was the better fighter, but he was not in top shape. Adolfo Lopez, 119, Los Angeles, made it four out of six (one draw), when he clearly outpointed Genaro Espitia, 119, San Fernando, over four. Lopez punched with too much authority and defneded too well for the more aggressive Espita who became increasingly wild as he fell further behind. Espitia was down in the first. Debuting Willie Diaz, 136, Los Angeles, kayoed fellow debutant Manuel Gomez, 136, Pasadena, 2:11 into the third of a scheduled four. Diaz stayed composed even when under pressure from the swarming Gomez. In the third, Diaz found the opening for a well placed right to the head which sent Gomez face forward to the canvas.

Hassett refereed all three prelims.

Eddie Rodriguez, timekeeper.

(4-26-84)

▲BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium—Welterweight prospect Alfonso Long, 145¾, Los Angeles, won a 10-round majority decision over Dennis Mulholland, 144, Bakersfield. Mulholland lost his unbeaten pro record. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 95-93; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 95-93; judge Eddie Fierro, 95-95.

Danny Venegas, 152, Bakersfield, was suprisingly held to a 10-round split decision by Ray Galvan, 156, Bakersfield. Venegas was expected to win easily. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 98-94, Galvan; judge Fierro, 99-94, Venegas; judge Denkin, 97-93, Venegas.

John Michael Roy, 155, Pasadena, hammered local favorite Abel Montelongo, 155, Bakersfield, out in 2:51 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Jen-Kin, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper

(05-07-84)

▲RESEDA—Country Club—Chris (Bulldog) Buell, 139, Canoga Park, won a close but unanimous decision over Danny (Big Shorty) Ortiz, 138, Simi, over eight very hard give-and-take rounds. Buell, 1-2 and fighting for the first time in nearly a year, put on a bit too much pressure for Ortiz, who, for once, met someone who wasn't much taller than himself. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 77-75; judge Tony Guitron, 76-75; judge Dick Young, 77-75.

Joe Olivera, 137, Pasadena, confirmed a previous victory by scoring a near shutout unanimous decision over experienced Petronilo Velasquez, 138, Pacoima, six. "The Pasadena Kid," 9-3-1, is not a big banger, but he was much too busy for Velasquez. Scoring: referee Guitron, 59-54; judge Young, 60-54; judge Hassett, 60-54.

Gilbert Davila, 120, Pomona, unanimously outpointed Genaro Espitia, 118, San Fernando, in a crowd pleasing six. Davila, 6-0, was generally in control, but the determined Espitia attacked well in the third and the sixth. Scoring: referee Guitron, 60-54; judge Hassett, 59-55; judge Young, 58-56.

Sam Huston, 156, Las Cruces, stopped James Benjamin, 158, Bakersfield, referee Young intervening at 0:55 of the third in a scheduled six to save Benjamin from further punishment. Huston is now 1-0-1.

Unbeaten Mark Perea, 128, Las Vegas, won a four-round majority decision over hard luck Luis Perez, 128, Anaheim. Perea, more than a head shorter, pressed forward all the way. Scoring: referee Young, 39-37; judge Guitron, 39-37; judge Hassett, 38-38. Hedgemon Lewis, timekeeper

(05-09-84)

▲RESEDA—Country Club—Peter Cunningham, 137½, Van Nuys, boxed his way to a unanimous six-round decision over Fili Ramirez, 138, Los Angeles. Cunningham is 5-1, but Ramirez should retire. He has won only 16 of 48 including consecutive fights at the Country Club where he has not won a round. Vince Delgado, referee.

Gerald Issack, 121, Marin, wore down and halted Victor Moreno, 125, Los Angeles, referee Robert Byrd stopping the fight after 1:38 of the sixth and final round to save the fatigued Moreno from further punishment. Moreno's manager Ismael Rivera protested vehemently, but Moreno had been down in the first, had lost every round, and was penalized two points for low blows.

Experienced Mexican Augustin (Piro) Soberanes, 123, Culiacan and Los Angeles, was judged to be a majority winner over popular Genaro Espitia, 119, San Fernando, after six sensational rounds. Espitia was wobbled and on the verge of a stoppage defeat several times in the middle rounds, but the gutty local fighter walked right through Soberanes' best punches to win the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 57-57; judge Delgado, 58-56; judge Byrd, 58-57.

Lloyd Spikes, 173, Los Angeles, knocked out Dan Murnan, 171½, Canoga Park, referee Rozadilla intervening in 2:40 of the second of a scheduled four after Murnan had been decked by a right uppercut. Spikes is now 2-2, with both victories over Murnan.

Debuting Tranquilino Rodriguez, 120, North Hollywood, won a hard fought majority decision over Joey Herrera, 123, Glendale, four. Herrera was impressive in the first, but the busier Rodriguez won going away. Scoring: referee Byrd, 38-38; Rozadilla, 40-36; Delgado, 39-37.

Hedgemon Lewis, timekeeper. (05-16-84)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Oscar Bejines, 129½, Guadalajara, returned to the ring after nine months of inactivity and won a unanimous decision over Kelvin Lampkin, 128½, Los Angeles, 10. Fighting for the first time since the death of his older brother Kiko, the aggressive Bejines was bothered by a badly bloodied nose from the fifth. Inactivity in the early rounds lost Lampkin the fight. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 97-95; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 96-95; judge Lou Fillipo, 98-93.

Once beaten Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 132½, Guadalajara, kayoed former European junior lightweight champion Roberto Castanon, 134, Leon, Spain, referee Filippo counting out Castanon at 2:54 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Castanon was floored five times.

Mexican featherweight champion Marcos Villasana, 127, Acapulco, overwhelmed Central American champion Tyrone Downes, 127, Barbados, in 1:34 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Downes was floored four times, once in every round. The last time, referee Jen-Kin waved the bout over without starting the count.

Once beaten junior welterweight prospect Rene Arredondo, 138, Apatzingan, destroyed former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel, 137, Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 2:20 of the second in a scheduled 10. Noel was down twice in the second and had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher. A later report from the hospital indicated that Noel had suffered no serioud injuries. John Thomas, referee.

Once beaten featherweight Cuco Alvarado, 127, Mexico City, made his United States debut with a second round knockout over overmatched Mauricio Torres, 125, Los Angeles. A right flattened Torres in 1:34 of the round. Connolly, referee.

Debuting Joaquin Garcia, 130, Pasadena, won a clear unanimous decision over Miguel Rodela, 132, Los Angeles, four. Filippo, referee.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper
(05-17-84)

▲**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Unbeaten Derrick Kelly, 147, Los Angeles, made it 10 in a row with an upset 10-round unanimous decision over Felipe Canela, 146½, Inglewood. Canela was handicapped by an injured left shoulder and took a pounding in about half of the rounds. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 97-93; judge Lou Moret, 96-94; judge Armando Muniz, 97-96.

Forum middleweight champion Billy Robertson, 158½, Inglewood, won a debatable split decision over hard luck Odell Hadley, 159½, Culver City, in a 10-round non-title bout. The taller Hadley outboxed his man in the first half of the fight, not losing a round. Robertson caught up to Billy from the seventh, but still looked like a loser until he floored Hadley twice in the final round. All three of Hadley's defeats have come by split decision. Scoring: referee Muniz, 98-94, Robertson; judge Denkin, 95-94, Hadley; judge Moret, 96-94, Robertson.

Adrian Arreola, 126, Los Angeles, advanced to the finals of the Forum featherweight tournament when southpaw Felix Rodriguez, 125, Panama City, was disqualified at 2:27 of the seventh in a scheduled 10 for repeated low blows. Referee Moret took two points away from Rodriguez in the sixth, lectured him midway through the seventh, and then ruled him out a minute later. Scoring through six (not including deducted points): referee Moret, 58-57, Rodriguez; judge Denkin, 58-57, Arreola; judge Muniz, 59-57, Arreola.

Unbeaten Andre Smith, 134½, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Willie Diaz, 134½, four. Scoring: referee Moret, 40-36; judge Denkin, 39-37; judge Muniz, 40-38.

Yuki Horiuchi, 115, Huntington Beach, won a four-round split decision over Rogelio Martinez, 110½, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Denkin, 39-37, Horiuchi; judge Muniz, 40-39, Martinez; judge Moret, 40-37, Horiuchi.

Cliff Gosz, Timekeeper
Dr. Bernhardt Schwartz, Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physicians
(05-21-84)

▲**SANTA MONICA—Civic Auditorium**—Tony Baltazar, 140½, La Puente, stopped Lupe Rocha, 136, Los Angeles, on referee Chuck Hassett's intervention at 1:20 of the second in a scheduled 10. Baltazar floored Rocha with a right early in the round.

Walter Sims, 134, North Hollywood, TKO'd Fili Ramirez, 137, Los Angeles, referee Vince Delgado stopping the contest at the end of the sixth in a scheduled 10, officially due to an injured nose. The real reason was to save the hapless Ramirez from a continued beating. Ramirez had been decked in the first, and had lost every round.

Ernest Lee Curtis, 142, Los Angeles, flattened Peter Cunningham, 136½, Van Nuys, with a short left in 1:27 of the second of a scheduled six. Cunningham was also down in the first. Delgado, referee.

Augustin (Piro) Soberanes, 127, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Billy Wiles, 129¼, Los Angeles, six. Wiles finished strong after giving away the fight in the first four rounds. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 60-54; judge Delgado, 58-56; judge Hassett, 58-56.

Debuting Freddie Guzman, 150, Pomona, won a shutout unanimous decision over game James Wimberly, 147½, La Puente, four. Byrd, referee.

Frank Shaw, 156, Santa Monica, unanimously outscored Alberto Rojas, 148, Bell, four. Scoring: referee Byrd, 40-36; judge Delgado, 39-38; judge Hassett, 40-37.

A scheduled 10 between Don Lee, 168, Gary, and James Waire, 160, Los Angeles, fell out when Lee was seven pounds over the contracted weight.

Timekeeper—Alex Garcia
Ringside Physicians—Bernhart Schwartz, Michael Deluca
Announcer—Jimmy Lennon, Jr.
(05-23-84)

▲**RESEDA—Country Club**—Frankie Duarte, 122, Venice, stopped very game Luis Hernandez, 120, Redlands, at 1:16 of the seventh in a thrilling battle of comebacking veteran versus young prospect scheduled for 10. Ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca stopped the fight with blood streaming from a cut over the left eye of Hernandez. The cocky Hernandez fought an uphill struggle after he was floored in the third. However, it was a last chance victory for Duarte, having his first fight in 39 months. Durate's left eye had closed in the sixth, the doctor giving him only one more round to get the job done. Duarte is now 32-5. Hernandez is 4-2-2.

Dee Collier, 205, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Mark Mahone, 201, San Diego, six, confirming a previous victory. Mahone was ahead on points until he was floored late in the final round. Scoring: referee Young, 57-56; judge Jordan, 58-56; judge Fierro, 57-55.

Aaron Brown, 144, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed glass-jawed Ronnie Adams, 149, San Diego, six. Adams boxed well in the second half of the fight, but was badly hurt every time he was hit on the chin. Scoring: referee Young, 59-54; Jordan, 59-56; Fierro, 59-56.

Unbeaten Tranquilino Rodeiguez, 119, North Hollywood, won a hard fought unanimous decision over Joel Franco, 118, Los Angeles, four. Two-bout pro Rodriguez punched without return in the final round. Scoring: referee Young, 38-37; judge Jordan, 39-37; judge Fierro, 39-38.

Marcos Jacobo, 154, Los Angeles, was fortunate to win a split decision over previously unbeaten Danny Lopez, 159, Orange. Jacobo forced the fight in the first two rounds. Lopez's desperation swings were more effective in the last two. Scoring: referee Young, 39-38, Jacobo; judge Jordan, 39-38, Lopez; judge Fierro, 39-38, Jacobo.

Hedgemon Lewis, timekeeper.
Bill Caplan, ring announcer
(05-30-84)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 137, Mexico City, won a technical decision over Roque Montoya, 137, Reynosa, at 1:48 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Gonzalez was narrowly ahead on all three official scorecards when he could not continue after being cut on the right eyebrow by an unintentional Montoya head butt. Scoring through seven (including one point deducted from Gonzalez for low blows): referee Vince Delgado, 67-66; judge Lou Filippo, 67-65; judge Larry Rozadilla, 67-65.

Ramon Rico, 125, Apatzingan, kayoed Ramon Marchena, 129, Ensenada, referee Rozadilla counting out Marchena at 2:58 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Rico won every round but the second.

Jorge Ramirez, 123, ¼, Los Angeles, gradually wore down and kayoed Joaquin (Pinky) Rivera, 123¼, San Jose, in 1:47 of the ninth of a scheduled 10. A body shot floored Rivera for the sull count. Scoring through eight: referee Filippo, 77-75; Rozadilla, 79-74; Delgado, 78-74.

Hard hitting Cuco Alvarado, 126¾, Mexico City, unanimously outpointed James Sowell, 129½, eight. Alvarado nearly ended matters in the closing seconds of the fifth when he dumped Sowell with a body blow, but Sowell came back to win his only rounds in the sixth and seventh. Scoring: referee Filippo, 78-73; judge Delgado, 78-73; judge Rozadilla, 79-73.

Alvin Brown, 122, Los Angeles, stopped Adolfo Lopez, 121½, Los Angeles, at the end of the first round in a scheduled four. Lopez was dropped at the bell and could not clear his head during the interval. Rozadilla, referee.

Dave Servais, 211, Pasadena, TKO'd Mark Jones, 218, Los Angeles. Jones quit at 0:44 of the third round in a scheduled four. Delgado, referee.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Dr. Bernhardt Schwartz, ringside physician.
(05-31-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

NEVADA

▲**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino**—There were no surprises on this card. The four world-ranked fighters came through in relatively easy fashion.

Cruiserweight Anthony Davis, 188½, Las Vegas, Nev., pitched a near shutout over veteran Jesse Burnett, 182, Los Angeles, for the North American Boxing Federation championship, taking a 12-round decision; lightweight Howard Davis, 140, Glen Cove, N.Y., halted last-minute replacement Darrell Stovall, 139½, Phoenix, Ariz., by technical knockout at 2:48 of the second; super bantamweight Juan "Kid" Meza, 123, Los Angeles, struggled to a 10-round split decision over Javier Barajas, 120½, Tucson; and super welterweight Julian Jackson, 150½, St. Thomas, V.I., stopped J.J. Cottrell, 155, Salt Lake City, Utah, by technical knockout at 2:57 of the fifth.

Davis, whose last outing was a losing effort in March against Carlos DeLeon for the World Boxing Council cruiserweight title, knocked down Burnett with a left to the body and a right to the head in the sixth. The 28-year-old Davis took it to the 38-year-old Burnett for all 12 rounds. Davis beat him to the punch throughout and landed the harder blows. Burnett seldom put together combinations. Davis' record is now 15-2 while Burnett falls to 25-16-2. However, 16 of those 43 fights have either been for titles or against world champions or persons who have fought for world championships.

Judges Hal Miller and Dave Moretti scored it 119-108 for Davis and judge Jerry Roth had it 118-109 for Davis.

Davis, now 26-1, dropped Stovall, who was replacing Chuck Peralta, another journeyman of only average ability, early in the second for a seven-count. Davis did it again seconds later, and this time referee Joey Curtis only counted to five before halting the bout.

Meza, who suffered a deep cut on the outside corner of his right eye, had to hang on for the win that upped his record to 41-6. Meza led by four points on one judge's scorecard and by two on the other two cards after six rounds. But when it was over, the hard-charging Barajas had just missed. Judge Miller scored it 96-94 for Barajas, but judges Moretti and Roth had it 96-95 for Meza.

Jackson pounded Cotrell until referee Richard Steele stopped the one-sided affair.

In other bouts on the Don King Productions card, super bantamweight Tony Montoya, 122, Los Angeles, stopped Abe Soto, 124, Phoenix, by technical knockout in the fifth of a bout scheduled for six; super welterweight Scott Ochoa, 158½, Salt Lake City, did the same to Charles Williams, 157, Phoenix; and featherweight Roman Almaguer, 129½, Los Angeles, halted Allen Hutchinson, 127, Phoenix, by technical knockout in the first round of a fight slated for four rounds.
(05-16-84)

▲**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino**—Highly regarded featherweight prospect Lenny Valdez learned turnabout is fair play in his bout against boxer—make that boxer-puncher—Dana Roston.

Valdez, who boosted his stock in March with a stunning first-round knockout over former national amateur champion and previously undefeated Steve Cruz, was victim of a fast start himself this time out. Roston, a slick, quick boxer but with only three knockouts in his first 11 fights, jumped out Valdez from the opening bell, hurt him late in the first and finally stopped him by technical knockout with just 40 seconds gone in the second round.

Roston, 126½, Las Vegas, Nev., hurt and knocked down Valdez, 126, Hawthorne, Calif., with a right to the head in the closing seconds of the first round. Valdez never really recovered from the blow. Two left-right combinations put Valdez on the ropes at the start of the second. Another left to the head dazed Valdez and then a four-right, three-left flurry to the head prompted referee Joey Curtis to call a halt. Valdez didn't complain; he just staggered in the general direction of his corner.

Ironically, Roston, originally from Louisville, Ky., lost a 10-round decision to Cruz in his last outing. The win gives Roston a record of 10-1-1. Valdez' record is now 22-3 with 14 knockouts.

In the second 10-round bout on the card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., and televised by ESPN, highly favored junior welterweight Andy Nance, 139¾, San Rafael, Calif., was held to a draw by Roberto Juarez, 139½, Pomona, Calif. Nance, who also was battling a 102-degree temperature, knocked down Juarez twice in the second, but couldn't finish the job. But the effort tired Nance, and Juarez won rounds three through eight. Then, just as suddenly, the tide turned again with Nance sucking it up to capture rounds nine and 10 and earn the draw. Nance, a college student in San Francisco, now has a record of 16-1-1 with 10 knockouts. Juarez went the 10 round distance in a losing effort against former World Boxing Council super lightweight champion Saoul Mamby in his last bout.

In other fights on the card assembled by matchmaker Mel Greb, lightweight Keith Potts, 135½, Pomona, took a six-round unanimous decision over Aurelio Martinez, 134½, Las Vegas, Nev.; lightweight Ricky Leeman, 135¼, S. Tucson, Ariz., stopped Tommy Barrett, 136, Mill Valley, Calif., by technical knockout in the fifth round; lightweight Ted Michaliszyn, 135, Las Vegas, Nev., halted Cassius Horn, 138, Phoenix, Ariz., by technical knockout in the fourth; and light heavyweight Reggie Walker, 175, Cleveland, did the same to J.T. Montgomery, 172½, Phoenix.
(05-31-84)

JIM HUNTER

NEW JERSEY

▲**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Davey Moore got back into action after his devastating title loss, and looked sharp. But his win over Monte Oswald was tainted by a bizarre ending. Moore, 156, NYC, appeared to suffer no ill-effects from the Duran

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Greg Page (Kentucky)
5. Mike Weaver (California)
6. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
7. John Tate (Tennessee)
8. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
9. "Bonecrusher" Smith (N. Carolina)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
12. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
13. Carl Williams (New York)
14. Eddie Gregg (New York)
15. Renaldo Snipes (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. John Davis (New York)
8. Oscar Rivadenyra (New Jersey)
9. Pete McIntyre (California)
10. Richie Kates (Pennsylvania)
11. Charlie Singleton (Pennsylvania)
12. David Sears (New York)
13. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
14. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)
15. Prince Mohammad (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Marvelous Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. James Davison (Michigan)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Alex Ramos (New York)
7. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
8. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
9. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
10. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
11. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
12. Doug De Witt (New York)
13. Andre Cooper (New Jersey)
14. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
15. Billy Robertson (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Mark Medal (New York)
3. Mike McCallum (New York)
4. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
5. David Braxton (Michigan)
6. Fred Hutchings (California)
7. James Green (New Jersey)
8. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
9. Davey Moore (New York)
10. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
11. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
12. Kevin Perry (Pennsylvania)
13. Duane Thomas (Michigan)
14. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
15. Mardo Roybal (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
3. Martlon Starling (Connecticut)
4. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
5. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
6. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
7. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
8. Robert Rucker (New York)
9. Pedro Vilella (New York)
10. Milton Guest (New York)
11. Lupe Aquino (California)
12. Rudy Hernandez (California)
13. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
14. Pablo Baez (California)
15. Derrick Kelly (Indiana)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
2. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
2. Billy Costello (New York)
3. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
6. Saoul Mamby (New York)
7. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
8. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
9. Anthony Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
10. Joe L. Manley (Pennsylvania)
11. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
12. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
13. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
14. Kel Robin (Florida)
15. Bruce Curry (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
3. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
4. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
5. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
6. Howard Davis Jr. (New York)
7. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
8. Charles Brown (New Jersey)
9. Anthony Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
10. Terrance Alli (New York)
11. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
12. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
13. Robin Blake (Texas)
14. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
15. Juan Ramon Cruz (New York)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Hector Camacho (New York)
3. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
4. Bobby Chacon (California)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Refugio Rojas (California)
8. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
9. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
10. Kenny Baysmore (Washington, D.C.)
11. Kelvin Lampkin (California)
12. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
13. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
14. Dana Roston (Nevada)
15. Louie Burke (New Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Juan La Porte (Puerto Rico)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
5. Johnny De La Rosa (Florida)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
8. Jose Caba (California)
9. Ruben Castillo (California)
10. Paul De Vorce (New York)
11. Juan Meza (California)
12. Billy White (Louisiana)
13. Myron Taylor (Pennsylvania)
14. Idabeth Rojas (Florida)
15. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Mike Ayala (Texas)
4. Juan Meza (California)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
7. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
8. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)
9. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
10. Carmelo Negron (New York)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Richard Sandoval (California)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. Jeff Chandler (Pennsylvania)
4. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Harold Petty (Texas)
7. Freddy Jackson (Texas)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. James Manning (Oregon)
10. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Rojas (Florida)
3. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
4. Alonso Gonzales (California)
5. Mario Savala (California)
6. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
7. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
8. Henry Brent (New York)
9. Cipriano Arreola (California)
10. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
11. Armando Laredo (Texas)
12. Ian Clyde (California)
13. Felix Marquiez (Puerto Rico)
14. Humberto Rodriguez (Texas)
15. Jose De Jesus (Puerto Rico)

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beating, as he came out fast and took immediate command with sharp combinations. Oswald, 155, Bay City, Mich., couldn't match Davey's hand speed, and was dazed by a right to the temple in the second. As the confused Oswald turned his back on Moore and walked around the ring, referee Zack Clayton got between the fighters and prevented Davey from administering the coup de grace. While many regard the veteran referee as one of the best, his actions were controversial. The rules regarding injured, but standing, fighters aren't all that clear, and Zack was evidently overwhelmed by a desire to prevent Oswald from becoming a sitting duck. He explained later, "Suppose I had allowed Moore to hit him on the side of his neck when he had his head turned. He might have killed him."

What might have been a "makeup call," the following round only compounded the controversy. Moore fired a left uppercut to the body which landed flagrantly low, sending Oswald to the canvas, writhing in pain. Clayton administered a count, which literally forced the downed fighter to his feet. According to the rules, the injured man must beat the 10-count, an odd rule in its own right. But at this point, the referee may rule a disqualification, grant a rest, or order continuation of the bout. Clayton chose a resumption, though Oswald could barely stand. He later justified this by claiming the punch, though admittedly low, wasn't sufficiently damaging. This was a bold assumption, considering it wasn't Zack who got hit. Oswald limped around the ring, making a game effort to stay erect under Moore's onslaught, but was trapped on the ropes and finally dropped to one knee for the count. The scheduled 10 was officially ruled a KO at 1:38 of the third. The commission promised to review the tapes, but after numerous delays, the controversy remains unresolved.

In a fine contest, Al Santana, 148, Bayonne, took a majority decision from southpaw Glen Smith, 145, Bay City, eight. Smith boxed well, but faded a bit under the more rugged Santana's stretch drive, in a close fight. Ref, Clayton.

In a slam-banger, Gary Lightbourne, 214, NYC, proved too big for Mike Croley, 198, Verona, OH. Lightbourne was rocked in the second, but gained control to drop Croley in the third and fourth, for a TKO at 1:29, scheduled six. Tony Perez refereed.

Ismael Gneco, 161, NYC, scored a mild upset when he started like a whirlwind, flooring Osley Silas, 161, Hillcrest Hgts., then pummelling him on the ropes until Perez stopped it at 2:33 of the first, scheduled six.

David Bolletino, 140, S. Phila., floored and TKO'd Eddie Contreras, 140, Indpls., at 1:27 of the first of a wild shootout, scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Ironically, in the opener, Pedro Estrada, 157, NYC, was disqualified in a bout he was clearly winning against Jerry Smith, 154¼, Vineland, at 1:57 of the second of four, for low blows. The referee? Zack Clayton, who then got into a shoving match with Pedro. Zack had a rough night.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1000 (est.).
Judges—Harold Lederman, Frank Brunette, & Lawrence Wallace.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-14-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Juan Veloz, 120½, formerly Chihuahua, Mex., now NYC, took a close, unanimous decision from Kelvin Seabrooks, 121½, Charlotte, in a good 10. The bout didn't produce a lot of fireworks, but was a good tactical match for those who appreciate the sport. Veloz' southpaw stance may have thrown off Kelvin's smooth style just enough to allow Juan to control the action. Seabrooks was surprised when a straight left dropped him in the third, and he had to struggle through a rocky round. Kelvin eked his way back into the fight, however, an occasional bomb landing to bloody Veloz' nose and turn his face into a red mask. Juan needed a big ninth to nail down the win, with Kelvin struggling back in the tenth, too late. Frank Cairo voted 5-3-2, and William Kostrub 5-4-1, with Harold Lederman 5-5, but points 45-44 to Veloz. Joe O'Neill refereed.

Veloz, with new manager Ed Gersh, and coming off a hand injury layoff, hopes to move into title contention.

"Jocko" King, 132, Phila., thoroughly dominated Kali Muhammad, 127½, Detroit, taking a unanimous win, eight. Paul Venti refereed.

Euclides Valdez, 170¾, Brooklyn, returning under new manager Joe Mari, easily dispatched Stanley Scott, 165, Cleveland, who was stopped on his feet at 2:02 of the third, scheduled six. Ref, O'Neil.

Greg Richardson, 116½, Youngstown, TKO'd John Norman, 121¾, Detroit, at 1:10 of the fourth, scheduled six. The game Norman was simply being outclassed when ref Venti halted it.

"Wicked" Joe Pickett, 130¼, Phoenixville, PA, got a close, though unanimous, verdict over brawler Miguel Matos, 130, Bronx, in a wild four. Ref, O'Neil.

Joey Whitfield, 139½, Phila., was lucky to get a draw with Juan Ward, 146½, Allentown, four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.)
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-03-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l—"The White" Charlie Brown returned to action after his disputed decision win over Frankie Newton and a rancorous near-breakup with manager Lenny Shaw, won handily, but drew criticism nevertheless. Through most of the scheduled 10, his opponent, Luke Lecce, saved his punches like he thought they earned interest. In the first, with Brown, 136¼, N. Haledon, NJ, doing as he pleased, Lecce fired a surprise right counter over Charlie's dropped left that bounced him on the canvas. Trouble was, it was the only punch Lecce, 134¼, Pittsburgh, threw all round, stirring a scoring controversy in the press row. Two of the official judges called the round even, while this reporter nevertheless gave it to Brown!

Charlie assumed command again, but as the rounds wore on, and Lecce was still there, the packed-house crowd began to get on Brown. With this encouragement, Luke opened up, but the more he hit Brown, the more he got hit. After stunning Charlie in the seventh, Lecce was himself in trouble, and continued to take a beating through the eighth. The underdog made a last rally in the ninth, then was rocked badly and hammered on the ropes until ref Vinnie Rainone rescued him at 2:07, with the fans unjustly booing Charlie like he was the neighborhood bully.

In the co-feature 10, Ezzard Charles Adams, 135¾, Houston, subbed for Melvin Paul, and was stopped by Terrence Alli, 135½, Brooklyn, at 0:43 of the seventh. Adams showed little more than heart and durability, as he soaked up a solid beating until ref Tony Orlando stopped it with Ezzard covering up in a corner and not fighting back. The steadily-improving former Guyanan Alli (actually "Halley") is a real sleeper who bears watching.

In a thriller, scheduled for six, Mike "Machine Gun" Mungin, 141¼, Mt. Royal, NJ, was dropped in the first by Ozzie "The Wizard" O'Neal, 139, Youngstown. But Ozzie (real name "Almus") seemed to lose heart when Mungin battled back into the fight. O'Neal went down twice and was TKO'd at 2:04 of the second. Rainone refereed. Mungin's manager, S. Jersey sausage king "Big" Bob Botto, enthused, "Mike will never fight any tomato cans. O'Neal has a knockout win over Tommy Hearns' brother, Johnny." As if beating Hearns' brother was a major recommendation!

Another solid prospect, Reggie Boyer, 155¼, Phila., wore out tough Tyrone Demby, 157¼, Pleasantville, to take a unanimous decision in a bitterly-fought six. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—SRO, 1605.
Judges—Phil Newman, John Stewart, & Thomas Kaczmarek.
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger
Announcer—Mike Buffer
(04-05-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Frank "The Animal" Fletcher's return after the Roldan demolition, once postponed when the NJ Commission laudably refused to allow him in with Tony Sibson in Jan. because of insufficient recovery time, finally took place, against fellow Philadelphian Jimmie Sykes. Fletcher, 161, showed no ill-effects from the Roldan beating, as he was back to the old "Animal", pounding Sykes, 158¼, in a too-brutal battle of attrition. In a bitter "Philly showdown", the former sparmates just stood in each other's faces and bombed away, with little finesse or artistry. Fans of the rough-and-tumble loved it, but those with weak constitutions had to head for the slot machines. Southpaw Fletcher scored the only knockdown in the third, when a sweeping left sent Sykes spinning into the ropes, where he grabbed a strand to prevent his exit.

The under-rated Sykes, a sturdy infighter whose inactivity has kept his career from developing, ignited the house in the fifth, when a left hook staggered Fletcher on the ropes. Jimmie pummelled Frank in blistering exchanges along the strands, but the Animal fought well off the ropes, and eventually prevailed. After this, Jimmie appeared finished, and took a drubbing until mounting a last-gasp rally in the ninth. A body attack drove Fletcher to the ropes, where a right lifted one of Frank's legs off the floor. But again, the Animal shook it off and came back in savage action. A potentially dangerous situation was skillfully quelled by ref Larry Hazzard when the two began exchanging after the bell. The 10-rounder was scored a shutout by Harold Lederman, while Lawrence Wallace had it 8-2, and Thomas Kaczmarek 8-1-1, unanimous for Fletcher. Sykes summed it up, "But let me say that Frank "The Animal" Fletcher beat me fair and square . . .I'll sign a petition if I have to."

Kevin Perry, 154, Phila., TKO'd Wayne Powell, 151, Detroit, at 1:15 of the ninth of 10. Perry, who hit too hard for Powell, had him down in the first, and on the hook several times without being able to finish him. Finally, a right dropped Wayne in the ninth, with ref Ted Pick stopping it over his protests.

Paul DeVorce, 125, Yonkers, TKO'd lefty Mario Salazar, 124¾, Corpus Christi, at 1:05 of the seventh, scheduled 10. The gritty Salazar, while no match for DeVorce, stole the show by battling

back between frequent knockdowns, two in the fifth, and three in the sixth, before ref Pick decided he'd had enough.

Lou Owens, 158¼, New Castle, Del., dropped Jesse Goodmond, 159½, Phila., in the second, and again in the third for a TKO at 2:31, scheduled six. Ref, Hazzard.

Mike Schilling, 183¼, Phila., scored a unanimous win over Reggie Lee, 178¾, DC, four. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter/matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—800 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-09-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—"Prince" Mamah Mohammed, 176, Hollywood, who is reputedly the heir to the king of the Dagumba "tribe" in Ghana, but would rather be king of the light heavies, took a step in that direction by beating Jerry "The Bull" Martin, 180¼, Phila., 10. The bout didn't lack for action, but for ring artistry, it was no Rembrandt. Though he hasn't fared so badly in recent bouts, Martin looked completely shot in this one. Never much for footwork, Jerry at least used to make his clumsiness work for him, leaning into opponents and pushing them back. This night, his legs seemed gone, as he stumbled after Mohammed, often missing flailed punches by a foot. The left-handed African, a classic stand-up boxer, was thrown off his rhythm and looked sloppy. But a least he rose (or sunk?) to the occasion by beating Martin on his own terms, having him in trouble in the sixth, and down from a right in the eighth. The decision was unanimous, Frank Cairo voting 9-1 and Al DeVito 8-1-1, but Ray Hoagland scoring 5-5, and awarding the bout to Mohammed on points only, 45-44. Vinnie Rainone refereed.

African royalty in the ring is no oddity to Jersey boxing fans, who still remember Vineland's popular "Prince" Nikita Tarhocker. This "Prince", managed by Nambdi Moweta and trained by Bill Slayton, explained, "I do not want to rule over people and have to solve their problems. I only want to fight and make something of myself. Maybe someday, my father will be proud of what I am able to achieve on another continent."

Bernard Benton, 185¾, Detroit, and Jim Leming, 185½, Howell, NJ, fought to a three-way split draw, six. Benton's big finish appeared to give him an edge. Ref Frank Cappuccino.

Emilio Diaz, 135¼, formerly Havana, now Newark, KO'd Greg Davis, 130¼, DC, who was knocked cold by one big right counter at 0:31 of the third, scheduled four. Ref, Cappuccino.

David Savage, 157¼, Phila., beat a tiring Ivory "Tip Top" Teague, 156½, DC, by unanimous decision, four. Ref, Cappuccino.

"Dig-Em-Up" Doug Davis, 147¾, Allentown, KO'd inept Charles Booker, 139¾, Phila., with two knockdowns, at 1:07 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Rainone.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-10-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel & Casino—Marlon Starling returned after his title-shot loss to Donald Curry, and showed no signs of a letdown. His USBA welter title (but not the NABF crown, which he also holds) was at stake, as Starling, 146¾, Hartford, took a lopsided decision over Lupe Aquino, 146¾, Santa Paula, CA, 12. Unfortunately, what was really a masterful display by Starling was misconstrued as a dismal one by Aquino. For the bloodthirsty, it was a bore, but for those who appreciate ring artistry, the champion's performance was a gem. Marlon completely smothered any semblance of attack not by running, but by standing in Lupe's face and deftly picking off the punches.

Firing back with precision combinations, Starling so dominated the challenger that all the rounds came to look like carbon copies, and brought criticism for not knocking Aquino out. However, Marlon has always said he doesn't go into a fight looking for a knockout, and only takes one when it comes. Too bad that not many seem to appreciate that he has the skills to win otherwise.

Starling's effort was as subdued as it was precise. Apparently with nothing to prove this time, Marlon abandoned the "Starling Stomp", and other antics which had drawn fire in the past. All three judges, Harold Lederman, Lawrence Wallace, and Frank Brunette, voted the same, 110-109. The champion excused his lack of fireworks, saying, "I really think the better the opponent, the better I am. I think if the guy had pushed me a little more, I would have looked a little better." The challenger apologized, "But something must have been wrong with me tonight. I'm a lot better fighter than that. . . His defense is very good. . . I'm really ashamed of the way I looked." Ted Pick refereed.

Inactive Tyrone Jackson, 127¾, Harlem, returned in a scheduled 10 and looked sharp, TKOing lefty Clarence Hudson, 124, Syracuse, who was knocked out of the ring at 2:01 of the fourth. Randy Neumann refereed.

Troy Wortham, 152, Hartford, may be ready to advance beyond the safe confines of his home town, as he looked good with a unanimous win over trialhorse Reggie Ford, 154¼, Brooklyn, six. Ref, Pick.

James Morgan, 149, Paterson, beat Darrel "Kid Chocolate" Mitchell, 144¼, NYC, by unanimous call in a rugged four. Ref, Neumann.

Thomas Young, 126½, Passaic, edged out a majority decision over Hermineo Adorno, 124¼, Queens, four. Ref, Neumann.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—900 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-17-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resort's Int'l—Living up to his promise that activity would make him sharp, "The White" Charlie Brown turned in a commanding win over tough Arnie Wells in a scheduled 10. Charlie claimed he was rusty from a layoff when he fought Luke Lecce here two weeks earlier, but this night, he positively demolished Wells. Brown, 136, N. Haledon, NJ, was subbing for Harry Arroyo, who, ironically, pulled out to face the "other" Charlie Brown, "Choo Choo." He drilled Wells, 136, Davison, Mich., with a right in the first, and had him down and nearly out of there. In the second, Arnie was getting pounded all over the ring, face red and nose bloody, when he bounced off the ropes into a left hook and down again. Clutching desperately, Wells nearly tackled Brown before slipping to the canvas once more. Ref Rudy Battle waved it off to signal "no-knockdown", but Brown's corner thought he was stopping the fight, and came piling into the ring! After momentary confusion, the ring was cleared and action resumed, Arnie continued getting pounded, and Battle stopped the bout shortly thereafter, in a seeming "make-up call". The time was 2:59 of the second.

The two fighters had been friends since their amateur days, and Brown initially didn't want to fight Wells. "This is the first time as a pro that I had to fight a friend. I'd rather not have taken the fight," Charlie lamented. Arnie probably wishes he hadn't. It was the first time he'd been stopped in twenty fights.

Doug "Cobra" DeWitt, 160¼, Yonkers, appears to be maturing into a contender, scoring a solid win over cagey veteran Bobby "Rico" Hoye, 163, Detroit, 10. After a fast start by DeWitt, Rico seemed to be gaining control as his tricky movement befuddled the youngster. But Doug did the right thing to stop a moving target. He went to the body, took the starch out of Hoye, and gained momentum as the fight went on. Rico was nearly out in the ninth, but staged a gallant rally in a thrilling tenth. The scores were unanimous: John Stewart 5-4-1, William Kostrub 7-3, and Thomas Kaczmarek 8-1-1. Tony Orlando refereed.

Tony Saladin, 129, Newark, upset Tony Coleman, 126, Trenton, via unanimous decision, four. Coleman appeared reluctant after body punches hurt him in the first. Ref, Orlando.

Bobby Francis, 140½, Paterson, destroyed novice Ricky Thompson, 139, North East, PA, who was dropped and TKO'd at 2:07 of the second of four. Ref, Battle.

Joel "Dynamo" Hum, 189, Erie, TKO'd Ron Altaro, 186, Ridgewood, NY, who was staggered badly when ref Battle stopped it at 0:52 of the first, scheduled four.

Phil "The Drill" Paolina, 176, Rosedale, NY, won a unanimous decision over Al Roberson, 174¾, Newark, four. Ref, Orlando.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—SRO, 1250
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(04-19-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—A hastily arranged main event turned out a fine contest, as prospect Darryl Tyson, 134, Wash., DC, TKO'd sleeper Anthony English, 127½, Camden, at 2:37 of the ninth of a scheduled 10. English smartly outboxed the flat-footed Tyson in the early going, but he was giving away too much weight and experience, and hasn't matured enough to be able to sustain the movement. In the fourth, a left hook to the body brought English down off his toes, and a right to the jaw floored him. Though English rallied well in the round, Tyson was in control from there on in, until a sharp right counter dropped him for the final time in the ninth. Las Vegas' Davey Pearl guest-refereed.

Roberto "Sugar" Mendez, 148, Phila., looked good beating tough spoiler "Rubber Band" Fred Brown, 151¾, Newark, by unanimous decision, eight. Brown was in trouble in the final round. Tony Perez refereed.

"Jocko" King, 131, Phila., KO'd Emilio Diaz, 135½, Havana via Newark, at 1:48 of the second, scheduled six. Diaz went down from a glancing right and seemed to quit. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Mark Frazier, 161¾, Phila., was lucky to get a booed split decision over Stanley White, 165¼, Grand Rapids, six. Frazier tired in the late rounds, as White proved awkwardly effective. Ref, Perez.

Keith Corbett, 142, Cherry Hill, NJ, countered sharply to score a majority decision over a determined Donald Gwinn, 145, Phila., in a good six. Ref, O'Neil.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Richard F. Murry, & Frank Cairo.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-24-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—When Wilford Scypion abandoned the middleweight division and his USBA crown, it opened the way for two contenders with question-mark futures to collide head-on in a brutal war of attrition. The original challenger, Alex Ramos, hadn't quite lived up to his "Tomorrow's Champions" expectations, with hot-and-cold showings giving him the new reputation "Ready To Be Taken". And Curtis Parker, subbing for Scypion, had seemed unable to win the "big one". After 12 bitterly-fought rounds, Parker, a former USBA champ, still hadn't won the big one. And while the jury's still out on Ramos, it can at least be said he can go into the lion's den withoug being mauled.

Ramos, 159½, formerly The Bronx, now Scottsdale, Ariz., later claimed he "made an easy fight hard", that he should have jabbed and outboxed Parker, but his strategy was simple. He went head-to-head and outslugged Curtis. Without the big wallop to test Alex's worrisome chin, and certainly no boxer, Parker, 160, Phila., was forced into a test of strength, and lost. Curtis frequently opened the rounds with a rush, backing Alex onto the ropes. But Alex had better hands and was stronger, would eventually gain control of the infighting, then punch his way off the ropes and batter Parker to the bell. It seemed every time the Philadelphian mounted a rally, Alex would rebound and pay him back, double. Parker's left eye was sliced in a savage fifth round, and continued to bleed throughout. He was hurt with a left hook in the sixth, and in trouble in a wild ninth. After an opening burst by Parker pinned him in a corner, Ramos deftly sidestepped out and spun Curtis in, then staggered him with a right uppercut and two left hooks. At times, it seemed only the ropes were holding Parker up under the subsequent barrage.

Curtis made a yeoman effort to pull the fight out during the final three. But he lunged into a left hook at the start of the twelfth, and once again found himself propped in that same corner, catching hell. The debilitating pace had both exhausted and, at times, holding each other up. But never for long. Both slugged to a blazing finish, exchanging right hand bombs just before the bell. The decision for Ramos was unanimous: Eva Shain 116-112, Richard F. Murry 117-112, and Phil Newman 116-113. Joey Curtis, from Las Vegas, guest-refereed. The loser made a mild display of disapproval, but it was just for show. The crowd thought it a thriller, but the winner was unimpressed. "I was getting a little bored with Parker," Alex deadpanned.

In an excellent undercard, two British invaders were apparently so impressed by American hospitality, they decided to make like Cornwallis at Yorktown. JoeJoynson, 130, Liverpool, easily led Elias Martinez, 130¼, Bronx, into the fifth of eight, when Elias opened up and twice folded him to the canvas like a Dixie cup, for a KO at 2:48. Las Vegas' Davey Pearl guest-refereed.

Then countryman R.W. Smith, 149¾, St. Ives, also led into the fateful fifth of eight, against Dennis Fain, 150½, Akron, when he hit the deck twice. Smith showed a little more fight than Joynson, surviving into the sixth, when three consecutive rights crumbled him for the count at 0:55. Ref Pearl.

Steve Little, 149, Reading, PA, stopped a gritty Charlie Smith, 148, Wash., DC, on his feet at 2:57 of the fourth of a hard-fought six. Ref, Curtis.

Larry Ieone, 128, Bronx, appeared unlucky to get only a draw with John Fonte, 129, Totowa, four. Ref, Curtis.

Pedro Rivera, 136, Camden, TKO'd Dan Shackleford, 133, NYC, at 1:51 of the second of four, one knockdown. Ref Pearl.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—900 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-25-84)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino—In a scheduled 10-rounder, Jorge Amparo, 162, Paterson, N.J., stopped Teddy Mann, 163, Forked River, N.J. at the end of the third round—not out for the fourth. Mann quit on his stool when he realized he had nothing left to give and his days as a boxer were over.

The veteran (now 28-15) gave three good rounds—winning the first two on all three official cards. In round three, the little known Amparo (not even a 10-round fighter) took it to Teddy with a strong body attack. Mann knew right then that it was too late to dedicate himself to any more rigors of training—at age 33. Amparo improved his record to 10-2 with eight knockouts.

Mike Dale, 160, E. Orange, N.J. won a unanimous decision over Henry Bunch, 160¼, Tacoma Park, Md. six. Scores: 5-1, 5-1, 6-0.

Pat Prisco 152½, Madison, N.J., did the same to Louis Vargas, 153¾, Temple, Pa. All cards here read 6-0.

Jerry Smith, 153½, Vineland, N.J., stopped Leon Fulton, 157¼, Philadelphia, at 0:23 of round two, scheduled for six. Leon was dropped once in each round.

John Fonte, 128, Totowa, N.J., won a four round unanimous decision over Miguel Lay, 128, New York.

In a scheduled four, Joe Summers, 153¾, Atlantic City, had a successful debut in front of the home folks when he stopped Nakita Dillerd, 151¼, E. Orange, N.J., in just sixty-four seconds. Dillerd was down once.

Referees—Joe O'Neil oversaw the Amparo, Prisco and Summers wins while Tony Perez was in charge of the Fonte, Dale and Smith wins.

Judges—John Stewart, Frank Brunette and William Kostrub
Promoter—Main Events
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Ed Darian
(04-11-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int. Hotel-Casino—James (Broadaxe) Broad, 238¾, Wildwood, N.J., KO'd Franco Thomas, 215½, Clarksburg, W.V. at 2:31 of round three in a scheduled twelve rounder for Broad's ESPN heavyweight title. The bout does not really deserve much more type than that, save that it made for an early evening, as TV had no chance to drag things out.

Franco was pathetic. Broad was his usual ponderous and boring self. The crowd started to boo in round two. Thomas was dropped twice in the third. The first knockdown came when Franco decided to take the lead but ran into a left-right. The fight ended after Thomas took a massive right which drove him into the ropes and off; falling to the canvas face up. Referee Frank Cappuccino stopped the count at six so Franco could be tended to quickly.

Broad needs a tougher test to draw out his potential—it's there somewhere. James was at his lightest in over a year and is now 15-1, nine KO's, while Thomas goes back to just being West Virginia state heavyweight champion with a 32-5 log.

In a crisp punch out, Giovanni Bovenzi, 160½, Vineland, N.J., came off a two year lay-off to stop Kenny Whetstone, 161, Homestead, Fla., at 1:06 of round seven.

Bovenzi's better defense was the key advantage as well as his pinpoint combinations. Whetstone tried gamely throughout but couldn't match Bovenzi. Kenny was dropped early in the seventh and later ref Larry Hazzard jumped in to save him from further damage as Kenny lay on the ropes, covering up. It was scheduled for ten.

In a scheduled six, Mike "Machine Gun" Mungin, 142, Mt. Royal, N.J. upped his record to 12-0, nine KO's, with a first round stoppage of the capable "Mysterious" Billy Smith, 144, Charlestown, Mass. Good exchanges preceded a solid right by Mike that dropped his foe flat on his back. Smith however rose up at four, but Mike would not let him off the hook and ref Frank Cappuccino stopped it as Smith was pounded nearly through the ropes. The stoppage time was 2:07.

Billy Pickard, 143½, A.C., N.J., gained a four round unanimous decision over Charles Williams, 140, Paterson, N.J. It was the pro debut for both. Pickard is a cousin of James Broad. The ref was Larry Hazzard.

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION
(AS OF MAY 21, 1984)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennslyvania)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
6. Trevor Berbick (Nova Scotia)
7. Jeff Sims (Florida)
8. Mitchell Green (New YOrk)
9. James Broad (New Jersey)
10. James Smith (North Carolina)
11. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
12. Eddie Gregg (New York)
13. Eddie Lopez (California)
14. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
15. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Anthony Davis (California)
USBA Champion
Marvin Camel (Montana)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
2. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
3. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
4. Henry Hearns (California)
5. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Calif.)
6. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
7. Bashiru Ali (California)
8. S.T. Gordon (Washington)
9. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
10. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
11. Elijah Tillery (New York)
12. Vic Valentino (New Jersey)
13. Tony Green (Florida)
14. Broderick Mason (Pennsylvania)
15. Craig Bodzianowski (Illinois)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Eddie Davis (New York)
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. John Davis (New York)
3. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)
4. Pablo Pizzaro (New York)
5. Pete McIntyre (California)
6. Oscar Rivadeneyra (California)
7. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
8. David Sears (New York)
9. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
10. J.B. Williamson (California)
11. Roddy McDonald (Ontario)
12. James Salerno (Florida)
13. Eric Winbush (New York)
14. Euclides Valdez (New York)
15. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Wilford Scypion (Texas)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
4. Mark Holmes (Pennslyvania)
5. John Collins (Illinois)
6. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
7. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
8. Don Lee (Indiana)
9. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
10. Alex Ramos (New York)
11. Doug DeWitt (New York)
12. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
13. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
14. Andre Cooper (New Jersey)
15. Tony Cerda (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Mike McCallum (New York)
2. Fred Hutchings (California)
3. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
4. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Davey Moore (New York)
7. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
8. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
9. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
10. Richard Greene (Oregon)
11. Mario Royball (California)
12. Thomas Smith (Texas)
13. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
14. Calvin Porter (Pennsylvania)
15. Kevin Perry (Pennsylvania)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling
1. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
2. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
3. David Hilton (Quebec)
4. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
5. Pedro Villela (New York)
6. Milton Guest (New York)
7. Pipino Cuevas (Mexico)
8. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
9. Rudy Hernandez (California)
10. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
11. Robert Rucker (New York)
12. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
13. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
14. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
15. Clayton Hires (Colorado)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
2. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
3. Saoul Mamby (New York)
4. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
5. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
6. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
7. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
8. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
9. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
10. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
11. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
12. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
13. Tony Baltazar (California)
14. Efren Olivo (Texas)
15. Kel Robin (Florida)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
USBA Champion
Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
1. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
2. Harry Arroyo (Texas)
3. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
4. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
5. Julio Chavez (Mexico)
6. Kenny Bogner (New Jersey)
7. Robin Blake (Texas)
8. Mario Cusson (Quebec)
9. Anthony Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
10. Terrace Alli (New York)
11. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
12. Charlie Brown (New Jersey)
13. Nick Purlano (Ontario)
14. John Montes (California)
15. Sergio Medina (Mexico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Guy Villegas (Oregon)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Roger Mayweather (Michigan)
4. Tony Santana (New York)
5. Bobby Chacon (California)
6. Frankie Baltazar (California)
7. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
8. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
9. Ralph Avilas (Hawaii)
10. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
11. Louie Burke (New Mexico)
12. Freddie Roach (Nevada)
13. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
14. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
15. Billy White (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Irving Mitchell (California)
1. Jose Caba (Hawaii)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
5. Ruben Castillo (California)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
8. Refugio Rojas (California)
9. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
10. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
11. Steve Cruz (Texas)
12. Paul DeVorce (New York)
13. Adrian Arreola (California)
14. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
15. Myron Taylor (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
2. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
3. Ricardo Varella (California)
4. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
5. Martin Castro (Mexico)
6. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
7. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
8. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
9. Juan Veloz (New York)
10. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
11. Pascual Arranda (Texas)
12. Leo Martinez (Mexico)
13. Hector Cortez (New York)
14. Carlos Flores (Texas)
15. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Harold Petty (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gaby Canizales (Texas)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Jeff Chandler (Pennsylvania)
4. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
5. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
7. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. James Pipps (Texas)
10. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
12. Geórge Garcia (California)
13. Greg Richardson (Ohio)
14. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)
15. Wayne Lynum (Illinois)

FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Alonzo Gonzalez (California)
USBA Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
1. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
4. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
5. Mario Savalla (California)
6. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
7. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
8. Mario Gonzalez (Mexico)
9. Ernesto (Che) Guevara (Mexico)
10. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
12. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
13. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
14. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
15. Paul Valdez (Mexico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
4. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
5. Amado Ursua (MeXico)
6. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
7. Baby Luis (Mexico)
8. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
9. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
10. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
11. Javier Davila (Mexico)
12. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
13. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
14. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)
15. Juan Manuel Rios (Mexico)

Judges—Harol Lederman, John Stewart and Tommy Kaczmarek.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer
Promoter—Top Rank
(05-03-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Due to a late hour fall-out of the original main-event (Maurice Blocker vs Robert Adams, in which Adams went AWOL the night before and has been suspended indefinitely by the commission), the scheduled eight round semi was hurriedly moved up to the ten round spot.

Sanderline Williams, 159¾, Cleveland, Ohio, won a rather ordinary unanimous decision over Terry Holmes, 159¼, Kalamazoo, Mich. There were no knockdowns. The official scores were: 7-2-1 by Al DeVito while judges Milo Savage and Lawrence Wallacve both saw it 6-3-1. The Ring had it tabbed 7-3 for Williams.

The shaven-headed Holmes was his usual strong self to the body early on, but just as in his previous visit here (LTKO-7 to Blocker), he faded after this quick start. Williams held up well to the vicious mid-section pounding and got his slip-sliding style in gear with round three. From there on, he literally boxed the ears off of Holmes, who just plugged forward in unimaginative fashion. He started the last frame off in a desperate effort to score a KO, but lost his momentum when cautioned for a low blow and Williams was peppering him pretty good (stealing the round) as the final bell sounded.

In a scheduled eight, Reggie Boyer, 154½, Phila., continued unbeaten at 9-0, with a second round TKO over Ron Sulem, 158½, Sloanville, N.Y. Sulem was no match for Boyer; being dropped in round two before it was stopped at 2:43.

In a scheduled six, Jeffery Hill, 166½, Phila., stopped Theodis Liggion, 165¾, Kalamazoo, MI., at end of round two. The doctors would not let Liggion continue due to a bad cut he sustained over the left eye in round two. Hill was staggered in the first but rallied back and the bout was even up when halted.

Joe Summers 152½, A.C., N.J., won a four round unanimous decision over Juan Ward, 149½, Allentown, Pa., in the opening bout. Summers was busier and had Ward down in round three.

Judges—Lawrence Wallace, Al DeVito and Milo Savage
Referees—Joe Cortez had the ten and four rounders, Zack Clayton handled the six and eight rounders.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Ed Darian
Promoter—Elbaum & Menas
(05-08-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino—"Dare to be great" is not in Melvin Paul's repertoire. Skill has brought him oh-so-close, but a case of terminal trepdation stops him short. In boxing, hesitation can be the most frustrating form of failure. Once again, he let victory slip away when the 135 lb. New Orleans native lost a close unanimous decision—and his ESPN lightweight title—over 12 rounds to Terrence Alli, 134½, Brooklyn.

"The Tank" is unable to break through his own stone wall—that one created in his mind which just won't allow him to succeed when success is so public. His own psyche inhibits that victorious reach for the brass ring.

For sure, Paul started well, countering and attacking in measured doses to take the lead on all cards after five rounds—4-1, 3-2, and 3-2. Alli stepped up the pace in the middle rounds, using left hooks and right uppercuts to take on the look of a winner. Terrence was even getting a bit "friendly" with his opponent on occasion. Paul lacked the right stuff to offset this charge and after eight rounds, Alli had two cards of 5-3 and one at 4-4.

Round 11 was the key. Paul started off with victory in mind, as "The Tank" lived up to his name. After ninety seconds however, he must have thrown a track. He backed down from the challenge and Alli took advantage to finish the round strongly, using his quick hands to take it on all three cards, plus that of The Ring.

Based on a post-fight check of the cards, Paul needed a knockout in the last round to keep his title. He did at least give it a go, but so did Alli and the judges cards were split at one each and one even. *The Ring* gave the 12th to Melvin. The final tally: judge John Stewart had it 7-5; Harold Lederman, 6-5-1; Eva Shain, 7-5. *The Ring* agreed with Lederman. It was considered a fair rendering by most at press row. Alli moved his record to 20-2-1 with nine kayoes. Paul fell to 17-4 with 11 knockouts. The referee was Tony Orlando.

Originally, five bouts were scheduled. The card was shortened to only three, due to ESPN cablecasting an NBA playoff game plus the length of the main-event.

In the opening eight, Mark McPherson, 156, N.Y.C., got a majority nod over Freddy Boynton, 158¾, Red Bank, N.J. While the taller Boynton had some moments, it wasn't THAT close. The scores were 6-1-1 by John Stewart, 6-2 from Harold Lederman and 4-4 Eva Shain. *The Ring* saw it 6-2 for McPherson. The ref was Tony Orlando.

In a scheduled 10, Lonnie Smith, 141¾, Denver (now training out of N.Y.C.), stopped Todd Longmuir, 140¾, Wantagh, N.Y., at the end of the seventh. The Longmuir corner had seen enough and kept their man on his stool. The "one of a kind" swift punching "Lightning Lonnie" had dominated from jump street. Todd was dropped in round two by a right uppercut and took a delayed flooring from a combination in the fifth. His legs just folded up right under him—not your usual trip to the canvas. Smith raised his record to 17-0-1, eight KO's. The ref was Tony Perez.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Michael Buffer
Promoter—Top Rank
(05-17-84)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Elsinore's Playboy Hotel-Casino—This six-bout card was topped by Frank "Silk" Montgomery, 141, Philadelphia, taking a unanimous 10-round decision over Charles Allen, 142½, Corpus Christi, Texas. Scores were: Milo Savage, 7-3; Tom Kaczmarek, 7-3; Richard F. Murry, 6-3-1. *The Ring* tabbed it 8-2. Montgomery is now 12-0 with four kayoes.

It wasn't exactly a barn-burner, even with three knockdowns. The unorthodox switch-hitting and slapping tactics of Allen—who

really didn't press the issue—made it relatively easy for the overly cautious Montgomery. Allen seemed to be confusing himself instead of his foe. Frank is a take-no-chances sort of boxer who stayed well within his bounds.

Allen was dropped late in round three by a right hand. He was dumped again by a right in round seven, but Frank was content to play it cool against his game but ineffective opponent.

With time running out on Allen, he made a more concentrated effort and put Montgomery on the middle strand of the ropes. It was ruled a knockdown by ref Vinnie Rainone, but it didn't matter. Frank was unhurt and the fight ended during the mandatory eight-count.

Many in the crowd had left before this bout took place. The "real" main-event for them was the scheduled eight that had Graeg (The Zion Lion) Edelman, 138½, Merchantville, N.J. (now 9-0-1, with eight) stopping Jose Green, 143¾, Warminster, Pa., after two.

Green came to rumble and stayed right on top of Greg. Never down, he nonetheless paid the price, what with a sharp Edelman firing off-the-ropes punches. Green did not come out for round three. The referee was Rudy Battle.

Switch-hitting Steve Little, 140¾, Phila., went to 8-1 with a six-round unanimous call over troublesome Darrell Jacobs, 139, Newport News, Va. The undisciplined Lttle was dropped (once more, an "on the ropes" knockdown) in round four and Jacobs had two points taken from him by ref Rainone for "continuous low blows". Where was the warning?

Three four-rounders filled out the card. Doug Davis, 148¾, Allentown, Pa., crucified gutty Chris Bajor, 146¼, Philadelphia with a TKO win at 2:33 of round three. Bajor was dropped once in that round and virtually out on his feet from the fast fists of "Dig 'Em Up Doug." The ref was Rainone.

Ken Reese, 157¾, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Nate Daniels, 159½, Phila. Reese was just too strong to the body of his taller opponent.

In a real good action bout (a rematch of a draw), Joey Ropeno, 147½, Reading, Pa., took a unanimous nod over Eddie Green, 147, Warminster, Pa. Ropeno worked his butt off to offset the quality punches of Green, who decked Joey in round t hree with a left-right combo. Rudy Battle was the refereed these last two bouts.

Promoters—Joe Hand Jr., Joe Verne.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucchianico
(05-21-84)

JACK OBERMAYER

OREGON

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—This card, in the ballroom, marked the start of an experiment in live local fight telecasting. Channel 49 (KPDX) televised the main event with slick network quality, and, as it turned out, the TV viewers got a real treat.

Northwest middleweight champion Delbert (Mean) Williams, 160, won a split decision over southpaw Jimmy (Beware) Waire, also 160, Los Angeles, 10. Waire smothered Williams' vaunted left hook and kept the action fierce—and close—up to the final bell.

Arnel Arrozal, 124, Philippines (now fighting out of Portland), won a majority decision over Ron Cisneros, 123, Denver, eight.

Tony Thomas, 150, Portland, TKO'd Orin Butler, 145, Denver, at 0:29 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Roy Muniz, 128, Denver, kayoed Mario Torres, 127, Los Angeles, in 2:50 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Dale Dorsett, 140, Kelso, TKO'd Troy Gallegos, 137, Denver, at 2:48 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.
Matchmaker—Dolores McNally.
Attendance—890. Gross—$8,350.
(03-29-84)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲PHILADELPHIA—The Blue Horizon—In a scheduled 12 rounder for the vacant Pennsylvania state light heavyweight title, Lionel Byarm, 175, Phila., won via disqualification over Dawud Shaw, 172, Chester, Pa., when Byarm was unable to come out for round 10. This was due to his being thumbed in the right eye late in the previous round. After the bell, referee Rudy Battle instructed the judges to take the round away from Shaw—who had been warned on three occasions earlier in the bout for using the thumb. When Byarm couldn't go on, boss commissioner Jimmy Binns instructed Battle to disqualify Shaw.

Up until that final flagrant thumbing, in which Shaw literally held Byarm at arms length for three of four seconds, this was a superb ebb and flow bout that had the crowd excited. Shaw could not miss to the head with his long outside punches. Byarm is possibly the only boxer in the world today who is easier to hit in the head than in the body. Thankfully for Byarm, Dawud isn't a banger. Lionel countered this with a strong body attack as the two literally alternated rounds.

The *Ring* gave Shaw rounds one, three, five and seven. Byarm got two, four, six, and eight. Shaw would have gotten the ninth, had he boxed cleanly. So even was the bout until that point, that all three judges had it 36-36 (4-4 in rounds) after right, as did The *Ring*!

Byarm, who's people are willing to give Shaw a rematch, went to 8-1-2 while Dawud fell to 11-2.

Five other bouts rounded out this well received card. Darryl Martin, 140, Phila., won a six round unanimous decision over Rich McCain, 144, Phila. Scores: 30-24, 29-25, and 30-25. Martin was methodical and precise.

The next four bouts were scheduled for four rounds. Bryan Jones, 119¼, Phila., KO'd Jose Santiago, 121½, Hartford, CT., at 3:03 of round three; a single right hand did the trick.

Andre Sharpe Richardson, 14, Phila., knocked out Richard Reyes, 140, Vineland, N.J., at 1:36 of the first. Reyes got tagged solidly on both trips to the canvas.

Ali Saad Muhammad, 138, Phila., won a unanimous decision over the debuting Ronald Handy, 136, also Philadelphia. Handy got up from a first round knockdown to make it interesting.

In a real farce, Lonnie Jackson, 281, Phila., turned pro with a 19-second knockout of Henry Lawson, 241, Phila. (Did you see any punch?)

Referees—Battle also worked the Martin and Muhammad wins; Ozzie Sadler handled the Jackson, Jones, and Richardson wins.

Judges—Adilade Tyndale, Joe Sweeney, Al Morris.
Promoter—J. Russell Peltz.
Matchmaker—Harold Moorel.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mena.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
Attendance—1,000 (est.)
(04-03-84)

JACK OBERMAYER

▲PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—This great little club, which for a time was all that kept boxing alive in Philly after the initial exodus to Atlantic City, sadly may be winding down. Ironically, the Playboy in A.C. might be getting most of promoter Joe Verne's attention in the future.

Roger Stafford, 148, N. Phila., kept active after the collapse of the proposed Cuevas fight, with a unanimous decision over Larry McCall, 152½, Cincinnati, eight. Stafford came out fast, twice rocking McCall with sharp rights in the first. But after that, the tricky veteran kept Stafford off his rhythms, and made him struggle a bit in a dullish contest. Scores: Joe Sweeney 38-35, Al Morris 37-35, and Adalaide Tyndale 40-32. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

"Jocko" King, 133, S. Phila., TKO'd Maurice Reed, 135½, Akron, who was out of gas and being pummelled on the ropes, at 2:51 of the third, scheduled eight. Ref, Sgrillo.

Anthony "Cobra" Williams, 189, W. Phila., and Edwin "E.T." Thomas, 138¼, N. Phila., battled to a unanimous draw in a good six. Ref, Bob Polis.

Chris Bajors, 147, Kensington, KO'd Harold Hart, 141½, Cinc., with a clubbing right at 1:13 of the third, scheduled four. Ref, Polis.

Southpaw Murray Frazier, 137½, N. Phila., KO'd a stiff in Maurice Young, 144, N. Phila., down twice at 1:45 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Sgrillo.

Matchmaker—Don Elbaum.
Attendance—300, $3600 (est.).
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(05-03-84)

J.R. JOWETT

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲LEAMINGTON—Dean Ferguson, 165, Learnington, stopped Jerald Boiner, Ohio, in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Sam Bonadonna, 165, Windsor, kayoed Robin Roberson, also 165, Ohio, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Stan White, 165, Setroit, stopped Ron Ayers, 167, Ohio, in the fifth round of their scheduled six.

Kenny Smith, 136, Windsor, and Zest Holmes, 143, Detroit, drew, four.

Referees—Ed Gaudet, Chuck Williams.
Judges—Stan Birch, Arnold Paris, Chuck Williams.
Timekeeper—Jerome Feris.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Adrian Christie.
Ring Announcer—Ron Morris.
(03-11-84)

MANITOBA

▲WINNIPEG—Convention Center—Laurie Mann, 144, Prince George, kayoed Kenny Smith, 138, Windsor, in 0:38 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Wayne Caplette, Winnipeg, stopped Joe Valle, Texas, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round middleweight affair.

Lalo Capetillo, 159, Texas, won a split decision over John Heard, 158, Chicago. Great fight.

Muhammad Eltassie, 160, Winnipeg, won a split verdict over Tim Pruden, 152, Winnipeg, four.

Referees—Marshall Quelch, Art Wellby, Mike Pastrack.
Ringside Physicians—M. Rebot, W. Hildahl.
Ring Announcer—Rich Grebib.
George T. Forgie Productions.
(03-15-84)

QUEBEC

▲MONTREAL—Forum—David Hilton, Jr., 146¼, won the Canadian lightweight title by stopping Mario Cusson, 139½, Montreal, in 0:29 of the first round in a scheduled 12.

Remo DiCarlo, 135, Toronto, retained his Canadian lightwieght title with a unanimous decision over Gaetan Hart, 134, Buckingham, 12. Hart was down in the first round. The official scores were 119-109, 120-109, and 118-113.

Alex Hilton, 158¾, Montreal, won the American Inter-Continental middleweight title by stopping Deano Clavet, 159, Montreal, at 1:36 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Hilton also holds the Canadian title, but the CPBF refused to sanction this as a Canadian championship bout.

Denis Sigouin, 148½, Hull, kayoed Ghislain Deroy, 150½, Quebec, in 1:53 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Marlon Wright, 138½, Montreal, stopped Daniel Leclerc, 135, Quebec, at 1:26 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Robert Loyer, 133½, Quebec, won a unanimous decision over Maurice Deroy, 132½, Quebec, four.

Referees—Tony Crivello, Guy Jutras, Gerry Simpson, Richard Doutre.

Judges—M. Bergeron, LaPointe, Greene, Lavallee, Beaudry, Theroux.

Timekeepers—Omer Marchessault, Nick Nichilo.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. P. Meunier, Dr. L. Leclerc.
Ring Announcer—Jean Guy Deschamps.
Attendance—19,807. Gross—$700,000 (estimated).
(03-25-84)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲TIJUANA—Roque Montoya, 135, TKO'd Juan Escobar, also 135, in 11 to retain his Mexican lightweight crown. Raymundo (Battling) Torres II, 148, stopped Jose Luis Soberanes, 147, in six. Enrique Aguilar, 109 halted Jose Manuel Diaz, 108, in seven. Delfino Mendoza, 113, embalmed Daniel (Cholo) Montejano, 113, in six.
(02-28-84)

▲TIJUANA—Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 113, TKO'd Mario (Balde) Chavez, 114, in the 10th and final round. Jose Louis Millan, 160, TKO'd Chucho Hernandez, 159, in two. Miguel Espinos, 119, beat Oscar Cristerna, 120, 10.
(03-02-84)

▲TIJUANA—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 124, TKO'd Young Tanaka, 123, of Japan. Miguel Molina, 118, chilled Antonio Guarena, 119, in four. Gerardo Valero, 123, iced Duaney Griffith, 124, U.S.A.
(03-05-84)

▲TIJUANA—Antonio de la Paz, 125, decisioned Mauro Gutuerrez, 126, in 10. Diego Avila, 118, stopped Carlos de la Paz, 117, in seven. Andres Sandoval, 114, stopped Alberto Ramos, also 114, in one.
(03-12-84)

▲MEXICALI—Daniel Zaragoza, 119, TKO'd Patrick Young, also 119, U.S.A., in four. Augustin (Frijoles) Macias, 117, disposed of Angel Felix, 116, in six. Jose Escamilla, 114, bested Carlos Alcibar, also 114, 10. Felix Roman, 119, outscored Memo Hernandez, 120, 8.
(03-17-84)

▲TIJUANA—Felipe Urguiza, 136, outscored Rudolfo (Borrego) Chavez, 135, 10. Rafael Chavez, 123, flattened Fidencio Cabreros, also 123, in three. Reyes Gonzalez, 128, TKO'd Ad Zapanta, 127, Phillipines.
(03-20-84)

▲TIJUANA—Jorge Vaca, 147, TKO'd Gil Canchola, also 147, to win the Mexican welterweight championship in two rounds. Cayetano Correa, 135, knocked out Ray Beltran, 134, in four.
(03-27-84)

▲MEXICALI—Gilberto Roman, 117, stopped Manuel Aguilar, also 117, in six. Gerardo (Dracula) Derbez, 147, whipped Sakarai Venio, 148, 10. Jerry Spencer, 117, U.S.A., demolished Jose Antonio (Batoto) Alvarez, 119, in one.
(03-31-84)

▲MEXICALI—Marcos Geraldo, 175, stiffened David (Maceton) Cabrera, 176, in seven. Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, 112, TKO'd Mike Espinosa, 112, in six. Alvaro (Rocky) Granillo, 147, polished off Jorge (Borrego) Martinez, 148, in two.
(04-06-84)

CAMPECHE

▲CAMPECHE—Jorge Cano, 108, TKO'd Jose (Mantequilla) Tzuc, 110, in five. Baldemar Mex, 110, kayoed Abraham Chuc, 112, in one. Salvador Benitez, 111 destroyed Leonardo Martin, 111, in the first round. Edgar Colli, 119, TKO'd Panchito Sarabia, 120, in five.
(03-10-84)

▲CAMPECHE—Jorge Manuel Vera, 113, stopped Ricardo (Finito) Lopez, 112, in six. Ramon Quintal, 114, and Renan Estrada, 115, drew, 10. Felipe Gutierrez, 112, put Francisco Yam, also 112, to sleep in one. Edmundo Quintal, 111, kayoed Roberto Euan, 110, in four. Luis Aguilar, 107, TKO'd Raymundo Guzman, 108 in two.
(03-23-84)

COAHUILA

▲TORREON—Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, 135, defeated Vincente Mijares, also 135, 10. Jaime Orlando Lozano, 111, TKO'd Norberto Ramirez, 120, in two.
(03-16-84)

▲SABINAS—Justo Garcia, 125, and Angel (Torro) Medina, also 125, drew, 10.
(03-16-84)

CHIAPAS

▲TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—Camilo Ortiz, 111, TKO'd Daniel Guillen, 110, in four. Gilberto Sosa, 107, iced Sarain Hernandez, 108, in one.
(02-29-84)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲MEXICO CITY—Noe Gonzalez, 125, decisioned Fernando Segura, 126, 10. Salvador Zamora, 125, TKO'd Alberto Contreras, also 125, in five. Alejo Garcia, 119, outpointed Antonio Castillo, 120, six. Jose Luis Urrutia, 126, TKO'd David Olguin, 125, in three. Justo Zuniga, 108, TKO'd Juvenal Lupian, 107, in two.
(02-29-84)

▲MEXICO CITY—Amado (Pantera) Ursua, 109, TKO'd Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 108, in six. Salvador Estrada, 117, trimmed Francisco Ortiz, also 117, 10. Hugo Anguiano, 126, kayoed Gregorio Narcisco, 125, in three. Gerardo Sanchez, 141, won by a disqualification over Felipe del Gampo, 142, two. Ricardo Mendez, 120, won from Angel Valle, 121, four.
(03-03-84)

▲MEXICO CITY—Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez, 148, and Sergio Sanchez, 149, drew, 10. Nicolas Reyes, 118, TKO'd Nico Alonso, 117, in six. Justo Zuniga, 108, TKO'd Martin Reyes, 107, in six. Pedro Mendoza, 124, TKO'd Vincente Velazco, 125, in two. Raul Quiroga, 108, beat Luis Molina, 107, in four. Omar Flores,

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS
(AS OF MAY 4TH, 1984)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Mercado (Colombia)
2. Eddie López (Mexico)
3. José Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)
4. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
5. Juan Figueroa (Argentina)
6. Arturo Díaz (Mexico)
7. Carlos Hernánez (Cuba)
8. Domingo D'Elía (Argentina)
9. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
10. Luis Acosta (Argentina)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
2. Miguel Cea (Chile)
3. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
4. Héctor Rohr (Argentina)
5. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
6. Abraham Meneses (Mexico)
7. Ramón Ronquillo (Mexico)
8. Héctor Rubén Zamaro (Argentina)
9. Ladislao Mijangos (Mexico)
10. José Helguera (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Perú)
2. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
3. César Romero (Argentina)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejías (Venezuela)
5. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
6. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
7. José María Flores Burlón (Uruguay)
8. Euclides Valdez (Dom. Rep.)
9. David Cabrera (Mexico)
10. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
11. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
12. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
13. Carlos Flores Burlón (Uruguay)
14. Tomás Polo (Colombia)
15. Juan Carlos Fernández (Argentina)
16. Sergio González (Uruguay)
17. Clarismundo Silva (Brasil)
18. Angel Salinas (Argentina)
19. Luis Galván (Dom. Rep.)
20. Hugo Arce Rossi (Argentina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Juan Domingo Roldăn (Argentina)
2. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
3. Néstor Flores (Panama)
4. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
5. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
6. Jorge Valentinuzzi (Argentina)
7. Norberto Sabater (Puerto Rico)
8. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
9. José Duarte (Mexico)
10. Angel Caro (Argentina)
11. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
12. Felipe Guzmán (Peru)
13. Andrés Ramirez (Mexico)
14. Manuel Zambrano (Colombia)
15. Abel Córdoba (Mexico)
16. Antornio Leyva (Mexico)
17. José Mireles (Mexico)
18. Mario Pintos (Argentina)
19. Antonio Garrido (Chile)
20. Miguel Maldonado (Argentina)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco de Jesús (Brazil)
3. Patricio Díaz (Argentina)
4. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
5. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
6. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
7. Jorge Medina (Argentina)
8. Luis Bazán (Argentina)
9. Felipe Carballo (Chile)
10. Carlos del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
11. José Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
12. Héctor Hernández (Chile)
13. José Santana (Puerto Rico)
14. José Vallejo (Dom. Rep.)
15. Miguel Sepúlveda (Puerto Rico)
16. Carlos V. Velázquez (Argentina)
17. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
18. Alejandro Garrido (Chile)
19. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
20. Miguel Angel García (Chile)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Elio Omar Díaz (Venezuela)
2. Pipino Cuevas (Mexico)
3. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
4. Fernando Castro (Peru)
5. Juan Rondón (Venezuela)
6. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
7. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
8. Mauricio Bravo (Venezuela)
9. Pablo Baez (Dom. Rep.)
10. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)
11. Ramón Abledaño (Argentina)
12. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
13. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
14. Francisco Ortega (Mexico)
15. Hugo Rengifo (Venezuela)
16. Jorge Mojica (Puerto Rico)
17. Alfonso Torres (Colombia)
18. Felipe Vaca (Mexico)
19. José Joaquín Baret (Dom. Rep.)
20. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Lorenzo García (Argentina)
2. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dom. Rep.)
3. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
4. Hugo Hernández (Argentina)
5. René Arredondo (Mexico)
6. Vilomar Fernández (Dom. Rep.)
7. Félix Reyes (Dom. Rep.)
8. Miguel Montilla (Dom. Rep.)
9. Agustín Caballero (Panama)
10. Carlos Lavalle (Peru)
11. Adolfo Medel (Chile)
12. Mauricio Rodriguez (Cuba)
13. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
14. Danny Sánchez (Puerto Rico)
15. Ramón Collado (Argentina)
16. Adriano Marrero (Dom. Rep.)
17. Juan Martín Coggi (Argentina)
18. Martín Rojas (Colombia)
19. Aldemar Mosquera Montaño (Colombia)
20. José Angulo (Colombia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. José Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
2. Orlando Romero (Peru)
3. Irleis Pérez (Cuba)
4. Julio César Chávez (Mexico)
5. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
6. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
7. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
8. Rafael Williams (Panama)
9. Juan Arroyo (Puerto Rico)
10. Nelson Bolaños (Ecuador)
11. Jesús Romero (Argentina)
12. Saul Julio (Colombia)
13. Ildemar Paisán (Venezuela)
14. Gerónimo Luquez (Argentina)
15. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
16. Angel Hernández (Puerto Rico)
17. José Ramón Cotúa (Venezuela)
18. Oscar Arnal (Venezuela)
19. Rudy Alpizar (Costa Rica)
20. Rodolfo González (Mexico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
2. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
3. Rafael Solís (Puerto Rico)
4. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
7. Rafael Limón (Mexico)
8. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Argentina)
9. Benedicto Villablanca (Chile)
10. Roberto Piñeiro (Puerto Rico)
11. José Vidal (Dom. Rep.)
12. Gustavo de la Cruz (Dom. Rep.)
13. Wilson Arias (Colombia)
14. Raúl Roque Bianco (Argentina)
15. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)
16. Freddy Chumpitaz (Peru)
17. Roberto Defooz (Argentina)
18. Efraín Nieves (Puerto Rico)
19. Carlos Olivera (Argentina)
20. Alfredo Paiva (Venezuela)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
2. Johnny de las Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
3. José Caba (Dom. Rep.)
4. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
5. Angel Levy Mayor (Venezuela)
6. Jorge Luján (Panama)
7. Oscar Bejinés (Mexico)
8. Héctor Cortez (Ecuador)
9. Eduardo Prieto (Chile)
10. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
11. Carlos Piñango (Venezuela)
12. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
13. Juvenal Lorca Orednes (Chile)
14. Francisco Fernández (Panama)
15. Joaquín Acuña (Venezuela)
16. José Mario López (Argentina)
17. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
18. Danilo Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
19. Hipólito Nuñez (Argentina)
20. Idabeh Rojas (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Leo Cruz (Dom. Rep.)
4. Julián Solís (Puerto Rico)
5. Ramón Dominguez (Argentina)
6. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
7. Raúl González (Venezuela)
8. Félix Rodriguez (Panama)
9. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
10. Bernardo Piñango (Venezuela)
11. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
12. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
13. Martin Castro (Mexico)
14. Tommy Valoy (Dom. Rep.)
15. Sergio Palma (Argentina)
16. Marcelo Beckford (Panama)
17. Cleo García (Nicaragua)
18. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
19. Celso Muñoz (Mexico)
20. Wilfredo Vázquez (Puerto Rico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
2. Jesús Rafael Oronó (Venezuela)
3. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Gilberto Román (México)
6. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Edgar Román (Venezuela)
9. Ramón Soria (Argentina)
10. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
11. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
12. Milton Torres (Puerto Rico)
13. Benito Badilla (Chile)
14. Juan Carlos Cortés (Argentina)
15. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
16. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
17. José Rufino Narváez (Argentina)
18. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
19. Lucio López (Argentina)
20. Celso Chávez (Panama)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
2. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)
3. Germán Torres (Mexico)
4. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
5. Cándido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Adrián Román (Argentina)
7. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
8. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
9. Luis Fernando Hernández (Mexico)
10. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
11. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
12. Isidro Pérez (Mexico)
13. Ramón Antonio Nery (Dom. Rep.)
14. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
15. Eusebio Espinal (Dom. Rep.)
16. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
17. Mario Demarco (Argentina)
18. Mario González (Mexico)
19. José Gallegos (Mexico)
20. José de Jesús (Puerto Rico)

111, TKO'd Jose Robles, also 111, in four.
(03-10-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Javier Alonso, 108, TKO'd Artemio Ruiz, 110, in eight. Gilberto Sosa, 109, TKO'd Emilio Santos, 108, in three. Abraham Martinez, 125, TKO'd Neo Garcia, also 125, in three. Jorge Betancourt, 118, TKO'd Ernesto Gutierrez, 117, in one. Victor Rosas, 111, and Oscar Ortiz, also 111, drew, six.
(03-17-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Felipe Martinez, 124, TKO'd Jose Luis Lara, 125, in one. Francisco Ruiz, 145, won over Jaime Martinez, 146, eight. Arnulfo Contreras, 117, TKO'd Alejo Garcia, also 117, in five. Raul Perez, 135, halted Ramiro Diaz, 136, in two. Augustin Castro, 116, TKO'd Ray Vasquez, also 116, in one.
(03-21-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Ariel Favela, 178, TKO'd Ladislao Mijangos, 176, in one. Refugio Alvarado, 125, TKO'd Carlos Linares, also 125, in three. Enrique Urzua, 118, TKO'd Pedro Barbosa, 117, in three. Roman Jimenez, 116, drew with Pedro Gatica, 115, six. Refugio Vasquez, 111, lost to Eusebio Sanchez, also 111, four.
(03-25-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Roman Nunez, 135, TKO'd Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 136, in one. Javier Varela, 134, TKO'd Nacho Saucedo, 135, in four. Jose Alcantara, 118, whipped Melquiades Rodriguez, also 118, in six. Francisco Ortega, 108, beat Francisco Peralta, 107, in four. Pablo Pliego, 126, defeated Jacob Hernandez, 124, four.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jose Pinada, 118, halted Jesus (Pascualito) Lopez, 119, in two. Candelario (Changuito) Carmona, 110, TKO'd Javier (Cuervo) Guerrero, also 110, in eight. Juan Atilano, 116, stopped Salvador Estrada, 117, in eight. Rafael Jiminez, demolished Augustin Jimenez, also 135, in one. Victor Gomez, 117, bombed Jorge Romero, also 117, in one.
(03-31-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Santos Rodriguez, 125, TKO'd Felipe (Panameno) Martinez, also 125, in two. Armando Velazco, 112, chilled Miguel Pequeno, 111, in two. Rodolfo Ramirez, 108, won by a disqualification over Miguel Ordonez, also 108, six. Luis Garcia, 135, licked Joaquim Rodriguez, also 135, in four. Luis Rivera, 135, outscored Daniel Flores, also 135, four.
(04-04-84)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Cano, 110, outpointed Rafaèl (Raton) Alonso, 112, 10. Bruno Rabanales, 125, TKO'd Daniel Pedrero, 127, in seven. Albino Moranchez, 135, won by a disqualification over Raul Feregrino, 136, two. Jose Cruz, 124, TKO'd Juan Martinez, 125, in two. Augustin Castro, 116, whipped Jose Luis Urrutia, also 116, in four.
(04-07-84)

DURANGO

▲**DURANGO**—Primo Rojas, 135, nailed Rafael Martinez, also 135, in two.
(03-02-84)

▲**GOMEZ PALACIO**—Martin Galvan, 118, outscored Herminio Delgado, also 118, 10. Ruben Flores, 117, beat Raul Lopez, also 117, in eight. Arcadio Vasquez, 118, outscored Oscar Burgos, 117, six. Rogelio Sanchez, 111, lost to Sergio Moreno, also 111, four.
(03-23-84)

GUERRERO

▲**ZIHUATANEJO**—Javier Lucas, 110, stopped Adrian Cortes, also 110, in two.
(02-11-84)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Ismael Benitez, 108, TKO'd Bruno Luevano, also 108, in four. Roman Jimenez, 118, beat Jesus (Duende) Martinez, 117, in eight. Moreno Garcia, 107, kayoed Ray Aquino, 108, in two. Teo Cruz, 124, bombed Ramon Castaneda, 125, in one. Jorge Betancourt, 120, stopped Eduardo Perez, also 120, in one. Lorenzo Delgado, 117, whipped Leonardo Gonzalez, 119, in four.
(03-02-84)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Isidro Perez, 109, TKO'd Rene Medina, 108, in seven. Mauricio Aceves, 126, TKO'd Alfredo (Mamila) Garcia, 125, in three.
(03-16-84)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 112, TKO'd Arturo Mujica, also 112, in four. Elpidio Infante, 125, and Augustin Macias, 124, drew, 10. Miguel (Huracan) Juarez, 115 defeated Rodolfo (Colorina) Ortega, 112, 10. Rafael (Chato) Guerra, 113, outpointed Ismael Benitez, 112, 10. Macario Santos, 108, outscored Juan Viviano Cruz, 107, six.
(03-31-84)

JALISCO

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 124, TKO'd Rafael Gandarilla, 125, in seven. Sergio Medina, 136, nailed Ricky Davis, also 136, of Panama.
(01-28-84)

MORELOS

▲**CUERNAVACA**—Hector Rodriguez, 135, defeated Mucio Nava, 136, 10.
(03-02-84)

▲**CUERNAVACA**—Francisco (Buho) Gonzalez, 115, beat Pedro Flores, 114 (not the former WBA junior flyweight champion), 10. Tomas Hernandez, 119, outscored Samuel Ramirez, also 119, 10. "Generalito" Garcia, 115, defeated Silvestro Narcisco, 114, eight. Gabriel Ocampo, 117, outpointed Adrian Catana, also 117, six.
(03-09-84)

▲**CUERNAVACA**—Salvador (Chino) Hernandez, 111, stopped Victor Flores, also 111, five.
(03-23-84)

▲**CUERNAVACA**—Ignacio Perdomo, 124, defeated Chucho Gutierrez, 123, in four.
(03-16-84)

▲**CUERNAVACA**—Antonio Diaz, 118, outscored Hector Rodriguez, 117, 10.
(03-30-84)

OAXACA

▲**SALINAS CRUZ**—Arturo Coutino, 124, nailed Oscar Sanchez, also 124, in three.
(03-31-84)

QUINTANA ROO

▲**CHETUMAL**—Babe Luis, 108, TKO'd Eugenio Morgan, also 108, in four. David Munoz, 124, TKO'd Mario Zapata, 125, in seven. Jesus Requena, 119, defeated Manuel Ortiz, 118, six.
(03-16-84)

▲**CANCUN**—Francisco Perez Robinson, 160, kayoed Bernardo Alanis, 159, in eight. Adalberto Canche, 124, whipped Martin Barrera, 125, in six. Freddie Rios, 117, kayoed Fernando Carrillo, 116, in three. Silverio (Chamaco) Ortiz II, 117, outpointed Matin Segovia, 118, four. Luis Ojeda, 111, and Manuel Argaez, 112, drew, four.
(03-24-84)

▲**CHETUMAL**—David Munoz, 125, knocked out Mario Zapata, also 125, in seven.
(03-15-84)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Marco Figueroa, 126, TKO'd David Munoz, 124, in four. Fernando (Candelita) Varguez, 108, TKO'd Memo Flores, 109 in four. (03-29-84)

SINALOA

▲**MAZATLAN**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 125, outscored Manuel (Toppo Gigio) Vasquez, 124, 10.
(03-02-84)

SONORA

▲**NAVAJOA**—Sergio (Chocolate) Zambrano, 125, defeated

Rafael Gandarilla, also 125, 10. Ernesto Mata, 112, outscored Chanio Moran, 111, 10. Daniel Romero, 135, stopped Jorge Hidalgo, 136, in four.
(03-15-84)

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON**—Cayetano Correa, 135, TKO'd Othoniel Lopez, also 135, in seven. Ariel Favela, 160, outscored Nicolas (Turco) Leyva, 163, 10. Rocky Granillo, 135, nailed "Toro" Gutierrez, also 135, in three.
(03-02-84)

YUCATAN

▲**MERIDA**—Gaspar Pool,135, won by a disqualification over William Solis, also 135, to capture the Yucatan lightweight title in the 10th round. Jose Damian, 109, outscored Babe Luis II, 108, 10. Jose Feliciano Noh, 113, outpointed Francisco Tolosa, 112, six. Manuel Benitez, 134, outpointed Tony Solis, four. Rafael Cauich, 124, iced Diego Morcillo, 123, in one.
(03-28-84)

▲**MERIDA**—Freddie (Chato) Castillo, 116, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, also 116, in six. Babe Luis, 108, outscored Enrique Aguilar, 109, 10. Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 112, TKO'd Bernardo (Batallador) Ibarra, 113, in nine. Javier Alonso, 108, TKO'd Augustin Cardneas, 109, in six. Roger Arevalo, 125, TKO'd Jose Espiritu Medel, 126, in five.
(04-07-84)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲**BAHIA BLANCA—Club Olimpo**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez halted Walter Correa in four.
(04-05-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educación Física Número Uno**—Argentine bantamweight champion Ramón Soria outpointed featherweight Jaime Loyola, 10.
(04-06-84)

▲**CORDOBA—Asociación Española**—Junior featherweight Carlos Laciar outpointed bantamweight Luis Gerez, 10.
(04-06-84)

▲**CONCORDIA**—Argentine junior flyweight champion Mario Demarco halted Rodolfo Rodriguez in 10 to win the South American title.
(04-06-84)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Gustavo Ballas won a majority decision over Juan Carlos Cortés, 12, to retain his Argentine junior bantamweight title. The scores were 118-117, 118-116, and 117-117. A poor performance by Ballas, who upped his record to 70-3-1 with 24 kayoes.

▲**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—Junior lightweight Pedro Armando Gutierrez, in a great performance, knocked out veteran featherweight Hipólito Nuñez in nine rounds.
(04-13-84)

▲**PARANA**—Jacinto Fernández, now fighting as a light heavyweight, outpointed Aldo Carmona, 10.
(04-13-84)

▲**RIO TERCERO**—Welterweight Sergio Combis outpointed Ramón Saturnino Peralta, 10.
(04-13-84)

▲**RIO CUARTO**—Miguel Lequín and Raúl (Nico) Pérez drew, 10, junior featherweights.
(04-13-84)

▲**VILLA MARIA**—Miguel Cufré outpointed Manuel Víctor Almirón, 10, bantamweights.
(04-13-84)

▲**BOLIVAR**—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz halted Jorge Pereyra in two, junior lightweights.
(04-13-84)

▲**CONCORDIA**—Flyweights Rubén Condorí and Ramón Albers drew, 10.
(04-20-84)

▲**ROSARIO DE LA FRONTERA**—Junior featherweight Benjamín del Valle Sendín outpointed Adolfo Felice, 10. The crowd booed the decision.
(04-20-84)

▲**CHARATA**—Hugo Benitez halted Luis Aseguín in the fourth round, lightweights.
(04-20-84)

▲**TUCUMAN—Estadio Defensores de Villa Luján**—Young prospect José Helguera won the Tucumán state cruiserweight title by outpointing veteran Cándido (Nico) Barrera, twelve.
(04-20-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacioń Física Número Uno**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa and Argentine bantamweight champion Ramón Soria drew in a spectacular 10-round bout.
(04-21-84)

▲**SANTA ROSA—Club Fortín Roca**—In an excellent performance, Patricio Díaz retained his Argentine junior middleweight title by outpointing local Luis Bazán, 12. The decision was unanimous: 120-116, 119-116, and 119-114. Díaz holds also the Latin American crown.
(05-04-84)

▲**PARANA—Club Echagüe**—Hard fighter Héctor Rohr captured the Argentine cruiserweight title by knocking out Héctor Rubén Zamaro in six. Rohr upped his record to 12-3. Zamaro continues being the South American champion.
(05-04-84)

▲**CORDOBA**—Argentine and South American flyweight champion Adrián Román outpointed former Argentine junior flyweight champion Héctor Patri, 10 (non-title bout).
(05-04-84)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Welterweight Ramon Abeldaño outclassed José Luis Ludeña, 10. The scores were 100-97, 99-95, and 98-96—all Abeldaño.

▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Eduardo Contreras outpointed Ricardo Carballo, 10.
(05-04-84)

▲**TUCUMAN**—Osmar Ochoa outpointed local credit Roberto Alé Alí, 10, junior middleweights.
(05-04-84)

▲**JUNIN**—A young prospect among Argentine middleweights, Dario Mattioni—managed by former world champion Carlos Monzón—looked impressive stopping Héctor Lescano in three rounds.
(05-04-84)

BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian heavyweight champion José Adilson Rodrigues halted Argentine Juan Antonio Musladino in seven.

Fernando (Japonés) Ernesto outpointed Joao Tavares, eight.
(04-08-84)

PARAGUAY

▲**ASUNCION—Estadio Comuneros**—Paraguayan Juan Carlos Gimenez retained his South American light heavyweight title via a controversial draw with Argentine champion Jorge (Violín) Salgado, 12. Gimenez was on the canvas in the fifth and most of people thought he lost.
(04-06-84)

PERU

▲**TRUJILLO**—Peruvian Orlando Romero outpointed American Robert Mullins, 10.
(05-04-84)

VENEZUELA

▲**CARACAS**—Former WBC junior bantamweight champion Jesús Rafael (Pantoño) Oronó outclassed Luis Navarro, 10.

Antonio Guerra halted Félix Salgado in the first.
(04-02-84)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▲**VIENNA**—Despite having shed five pounds, Britisher Cliff Gilpin proved too strong for the Austrian middleweight champion Franz Dorfer and forced him to retire in round three. Gilpin, normally a welterweight, had difficulty making the stipulated 161 but floored Dorfer in the second and twice in the third. The towel had been thrown in after the second count, but went on unnoticed.

Two other Austrian champions, Manfred Findenig and Edip Secevic, met with mixed fortunes on this show. Findenig, who was in line for a shot at European lightweight champion Rene Weller, was outfought by the 32-year-old Italian, Giovanni Carrino, and lost on points after eight rounds. The light middleweight champion, Secevic, beat Benedetto Gravina when the Italian retired due to cuts in the third round.

In two other bouts, Rocco Frasca outpointed Jurgen Himmler, who retired in the fifth round of their light welterweight bout, and Henry Kolar and Hakki Gylmez drew in a middleweight four.
(03-15-84)

BELGIUM

▲**BRUSSELS**—Former amateur star Yves Monsieur knocked out Esad Memetti in the first round of their light heavyweight bout.
(02-18-84)

▲**GILLY**—Twins Julio and Francesco Garcia faced experienced opponents and remained unbeaten. Featherweight Julio fought a draw with Mohamed Maalem over eight rounds and bantamweight Francesco stopped Corrado Infanti of Italy in the fifth.

Welterweight Serge Meyers outpointed Azziz Allaoui in six.
(03-02-84)

▲**TORHOUT**—Veteran Frankie De Caestecker moved up to light middleweight with an eight-round points win over Robert Dormoy.

The Seys brothers, Jose and Filip, scored wins. Jose raised his record to 12-2-1 by stopping Ibelo Moano in the fifth, but middleweight Filip looked lucky to outpoint Lachen M'Hamdi for his sixth win in eight bouts.

Gino Degraeve kayoed Bouazziz in the second round at welterweight.
(03-03-84)

▲**CHARLEROI**—Maurice Bufi won the vacant Belgian light middleweight title by outpointing Frankie De Caestecker, 12. Bufi had won only one of his last 10 fights. De Caestecker's record dropped to 34-10-2.

The Garcia twins won again as Francisco forced Pascal Chabenat to retire in the fifth and Julio outpointed Hadi Zitouni in six.

Welterweight Serge Meyers outpointed Abdel Karrimallah in four and, at the same weight, Salvatore Pisani outpointed Diego Martinez in four.

Francisco Rodriguez outpointed Julien Segly in a lightweight six for his ninth win in 12 fights, the other three being draws.

Marco Vitaglione KO'd Luc Goossens in the third at light heavyweight and in the same division, Luigi Ricci outpointed Enzo Grubiza, six.
(03-23-84)

▲**GILLY**—The Garcia twins were once again in action. This time, Francesco was held to a draw over six rounds by Maurizio Lupino and Julio forced Gianbattista Calvia to retire in round three. Both boys now have six wins and one draw in their seven fights.
(04-06-84)

FRANCE

▲**CHATILLON SOUS BAGNEUX**—Sylvain Watbled continued his successful return to the light heavyweight division with a points victory over Louis Pergoud, eight.

Light middleweight Patrick Fetama outpointed Teddy Dago, six.
(02-15-84)

▲**ANTIBES**—Andre Mongelema, a 27-year-old southpaw from Zaire, outpointed Spanish middleweight champion Andoni Amana, 10.

Aldo Curti beat Didieer Kowalski, who retired in the fifth round. Kowalski has moved up from lightweight to light middleweight in 15 months.

Lightweight Tony Vivarelli outpointed Patrick Heitz, six. Vivarelli was born in Sicily, but is now a French citizen, and has lost only one of his 11 bouts.
(02-17-84)

▲**NICE**—Former French middleweight champion Stephane Ferrara was too experienced for Sammy Brennan and stopped his British opponent in round eight. The 27-year-old Ferrara is now 21-2-1.

Middles: Aldo Curti outpointed Dominique Delorme, six.

Lights: Robert Forneris outpointed Hadi Zitouni, six.
(02-23-84)

▲**BORDEAUX**—The tough but unpredictable French light heavyweight, Rufino Angulo, was upset by Mwebu M'Beya of Zaire and lost an eight-round decision.
(02-24-84)

▲**PARIS**—On the undercard to Tony Sibson's European title victory over Louis Acaries, Frederic Geoffroy retained his French lightweight title by beating Jimmy Kante, who retired in the fourth round. Geoffroy, a former World Military champion, is a good prospect.

In light heavyweight bouts, Fulgencio Obelmejias gave vetreran Jerry Celestine a bad pounding on the way to a points victory over eight rounds, and Slobodan Kacar stopped Jo Araka in the fourth round of a wooly slugfest. Kacar, the 1980 Olympic gold winner was given two standing eight counts in the first by a weird referee who also counted five times over Araka.

Middleweight Paul Tchoue beat Winston Burnett, who retired in the fourth and, in a mild upset, Sibiyala Diavilla knocked out the previously unbeaten French light middleweight, Philippe Monin, in the first.
(02-25-84)

▲**GRENOBLE**—Philippe Martin regained the French featherweight title by stopping Franck Lussi in the fifth. Both boys are 25. Martin's record is now 12-3-2; Lussi stands at 17-3-2.

Former top light heavyweight Hocine Tafer KO'd Fetiche Kassongo in the first. Hocine now has a 30-3-1 record.

Norbert Alcade kayoed Michel Cini in 2.
(02-25-84)

▲**GUENANGE**—Heavyweight Dominique Nato stopped Nedza Memetti in six.
(02-26-84)

▲**TOULON**—Tek N'Kalankete retained his French light welterweight title with a draw against Mohamed Lazmany, 12. It was Tek's second defence in 26 days. The 26-year-old Lazmany has a 16-2-1 record.

Fast rising welterweight Marc Ruocco beat Abdel Essebah, who retired in the second. the 21-year-old Ruocco now has 11 wins against one draw, and has stopped 10 men in a row.
(08-02-84)

▲**CLUSES**—Antoine Montero, the European flyweight champion, again displayed strong body punching as he knocked out Spanish bantamweight Jose I. Antunez in round two.

Lights: Serge Boymond stopped Norbert Alcade in the fifth.
(03-02-84)

▲**BAYONNE**—Spanish featherweight Vicente Macias outpointed Jean-Baptiste Mendy, eight. The 25-year-old Macias has a 10-2-3 score.
(03-03-84)

▲**ST MAUR**—Welterweight Claude Lancastre beat Majid Harid, who retired in the sixth.
(03-03-84)

▲**MONTARGIS**—Lights: Nihat Er outpointed Andre Blanco, eight.
(03-03-84)

▲**PARIS**—In four six-round bouts, Antonio Alcantara outpointed Klayina Awouitoh, Ahcene Reffas KO'd Stephane Arnone (4), Jean-Max Delnard outpointed Khalifa Baqoro and Dhibril Diallo

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Stefan Tangstad (Norway)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Sapin)
6. David Pearce (Wales)
7. Joe Bugner (England)
8. Daniel Laghi (Italy)
9. Guido Trane (Italy)
10. Rainer Hartmann (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Caramanolis (France)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
3. Manfred Jassmann (Germany)
4. Rufino Angulo (France)
5. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
6. Dennis Andries (England)
7. Tom Collins (England)
8. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
9. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
10. Devon Bailey (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
1. Mark Kaylor (England)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Jimmy Price (England)
5. Stephane Ferrara (France)
6. Aldo Buzetti (Italy)
7. Frank Winterstein (France)
8. Errol Christie (England)
9. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
10. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Jimmy Cable (England)
3. Germain Le Maitre (France)
4. Prince Rodney (England)
5. Nick Wilshire (England)
6. Said Skouma (France)
7. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
8. Daniel Zappaterra (Italy)
9. Chris Pyatt (England)
10. Richard Rodriguez (France)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gilles Elbilia (France)
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Nino La Rocca (Italy)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
4. Kirkland Laing (England)
5. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
6. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
7. Brahim Messaoudi (France)
8. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
9. Jean-Marie Touatti (France)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
3. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
4. Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
5. Terry Marsh (England)
6. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
8. Tek Nkalankete (France)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Mohammed Lazmany (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Lucio Cusma (Italy)
3. Ray Cattouse (England)
4. Tony Willis (England)
5. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
6. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
7. Frederic Geoffroy (France)
8. Jose A Garcia (Spain)
9. Jean-Marie Kante (France)
10. Hugo Carrizo (Spain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Vincente Jorge (Spain)
6. Daniel Londas (France)
7. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
8. Marco Gallo (Italy)
9. Carlos M Rodriguez (Spain)
10. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
5. Estiban Eguia (Spain)
6. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
7. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
8. Steve Sims (Wales)
9. Philippe Martin (France)
10. Frank Lussi (France)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Antoine Montero (France)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
3. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
4. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Duke McKenzie (England)
8. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
9. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
10. Umberto Mori (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
2. John Feeney (England)
3. Keith Wallace (England)
4. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Alain Limarol (France)
8. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
9. Ray Gilbody (England)
10. Jose I Antunez (Spain)

outpointed Jebrine Moussoui. These bouts were part of a middleweight tournament.
(03-05-84)

▲**HYERES**—Jose Maillot outpointed Karim Rabbi over six rounds in the final of the french lightweight tournament.
(03-09-84)

▲**L'HAY-LES-ROSES**—Jean-Luc Lesourd outpointed Mohamed Bouras, six.
(03-10-84)

▲**PARIS**—In the semi-finals of the middleweight tournament, Achene Reffas outpointed Antonio Alcantara and Jean-Max Delnard decisioned Djibril Kiallo in sixes.
(03-12-84)

▲**MONT-DE-MARSAN**—Bantams: Adelac Diane outpointed Jean-Paul Guillard, six.
(03-17-84)

▲**PARIS**—Jean-Max Delnard outpointed Achene Reffas in six to win the French middlweight tournament.
(03-19-84)

▲**MONTROUGE**—Middles: Francois Berardino stopped Alain Pezard in three.
(03-23-84)

▲**ST DENIS**—Light heavyweights: Frank Tiozzo outpointed Patrick Akam, six.
(03-24-84)

▲**LIMOGES**—Despite a cut by his left eye and a rocky eighth round when he was floored twice, Lucien Rodriguez retained his European heavyweight title by beating the British champion David Pearce, 12. Rodriguez had too much class for his crude and ponderous challenger and won almost every round except the eighth. Two of the officials came up with accurate scores of 118-111 and 117-113, but one official scored it for Rodriguez by only 115-114, which was ridiculous.

Pearce showed great courage as he soaked up fearful punishment all the way. In the eighth, he finally nailed Rodriguez with a right and put him down a second time with the same punch; but he failed to finish the job and his chance was gone.

It was a bad night for the Curti family. Junior lightweight Antoine was outpointed by Michel Siracusa and Aldo was halted in the first round by light middleweight Branislav Todorovic.

Ex-policeman Dominique Nato stopped heavyweight Eddy Vandenhouweele in the third.
(03-30-84)

▲**COURBEVOIE**—Light-middleweights: Jean Louis Coquin beat Jose Bastient on a third round retirement.
(03-30-84)

▲**GRASSE**—Feathers: Jean Marie Gambino outscored Andrea Ricci, six. Welterweight Alain Ruocco KO'd Silvio Migale in one.
(03-30-84)

▲**ORLEANS**—Featherweights: Farid Gallouze kayoed Mohamed Maalem in two.
(03-30-84)

▲**VALLAURIS**—Lightweights: Robert Forneris outpointed Jamel Benmeziane, six.
(03-31-84)

▲**CREIL**—Middleweights: Olivier Gervais and Jean-Max Delnard drew, six.
(03-31-84)

▲**TOURCOING**—Middleweights: Klanya Awouitoh outpointed Patrick Fetama, six.

Light welterweights Eric Ceriac and Nordine Dahmani drew, eight.
(04-06-84)

▲**POINTE-A-PITRE**—Young Puerto Rican Aristide Merced kayoed Helier Custos in seven.
(04-06-84)

▲**HAYANGE**—Heavyweight Dominique Nato outpointed George Ajjo, eight.
(04-08-84)

▲**PARIS**—Junior lightweights: Thierry Chiche outpointed Serge Chouippe, six.
(04-09-84)

ITALY

▲**LUGO**—Junior lightweight Francesco Tritto beat Jose Dos Santos, who retired with an injured hand.
(01-20-84)

▲**CASERTA**—Middleweight Domenico Raucci moved up to eight rounds with a points victory over Nazario Mariotti.
(01-28-84)

▲**AVEZZANO**—Cesare Di Benedetto stopped Mbuyanga Kalombo of Zaire in round four. The Italian heavyweight now has six wins.
(02-04-84)

▲**FANO**—Super veteran Giovanni Giuseppe (Juan Jose) Gimenez won the Italian light welterweight title with a one-sided points victory over Giuseppe Martinese, 12. The 34-year-old new champ won every round against a game opponent. Giovanni now has a record of 116 fights, with 101 wins, 10 losses and five draws. He was born in Argentina, where he first boxed under the name of Hugo Frex. His brother, Carlos Gimenez, challenged Antonio Cervantes for the WBA title in 1973: Giovanni went the distance with Leroy Haley for the WBC crown in 1982.

Angelo Dundee's charge, Slobodan Kacar, outpointed Yawe Davis in a light heavyweight eight and Ubaldo Bettini beat Giuseppe Mercuri, who was disqualified in the second frame of their welterweight bout.
(02-08-84)

▲**GROSSETO**—Featherweight Alessandro Nardi returned to activity with an eight-round points victory over Eymono Bofunga.

Former Italian lightweight champion Alessandro Scapecchi beat Joe Messa, who was disqualified in round five.

Light middleweight Mosimo Maeleke outpointed Piero Spadaccini, eight.

Enrico D'Ercole scored his sixth win by outpointing Sid Conteh in a middlweight six.
(02-10-84)

▲**VAIRANO SCALO**—Welterweights: Pietro Ciaria outpointed Mbeke Koolola, six.
(02-11-84)

▲**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—On the Gilles Elbilia-Nino La Rocca undercard, Sumbu Kalambay halted Al Styles in the second round to raise his record to 28-1-1. The 27-year-old from Zaire is unbeaten in his last 27 and has stopped 21 victims.

Welterweight Antonio Cali halted Mitz Mahmutovic in round two.

Lightweight Lorenzo Giappone outpointed David Mahmutovic, six.

Pingunia of Zaire outpointed Turkish featherweight Nihat Er, six.
(02-19-84)

▲**MILAN**—Loris Stecca gave the Italian fans something to cheer about as he battered Leonard Cruz to defeat in the 12th round to win the WBA junior featherweight title. The bout was finely balanced when Cruz fell apart.

Stecca's stablemeate, Bou Ali Kamel, scored his best win by stopping Roberto Pineiro of Puerto Rico in the sixth. Kamel is now unbeaten in 12 bouts. Pineiro's claim to fame was a win over the Venezuelan star, Oscar Arnal.

Italian light heavyweight champion Walter Cevoli won an unpopular decision over Jerry Halstead, eight.

Junior lightweight Aniello Jovino stopped Mohamed Boundka in the first to raise his record to 16-2.

Middleweight Domenico Raucci outpointed Mayele Mabele, six.
(02-22-84)

▲**GRAGNANO**—The European light welterweight champion Patrizio Oliva stopped Charles Allen from Texas in the third round for win number 33.

Gennaro Mauriello, the former Italian light heavyweight champion, outpointed Marco Vitagliano, eight. The 26-year-old Mauriello is now 13-2-2.

Junior lightweight Giuseppe La Vite beat Bofunga Eymono in eight to raise his score to 20-1.

Light welterweight Luca De Lorenzi outscored Malanda Kianda, six.

Light welterweight Michele Di Lusa stopped Inino Bolamba in two.
(02-22-84)

▲**HIAVARI**—Patrizio Oliva had a tough time with Kevin Austin before winning a close decision for victory number 34.

Fulgencio Obel knocked out Henry Sims in the second.
(03-25-84)

▲**CASAVATORE**—In a major upset, Jean-Marc Renard of Belgium won the European junior lightweight title by outpointing Alfredo Raininger, 12. Renard thus raised his score to 20-2, Rainger lost his title and his world rating as his recored dropped to 28-3.
(04-12-84)

SPAIN

▲**LAS PALMAS**—Spanish junior lightweight champion Vicente Jorge "Sendin" outpointed Santiago Machin "Santi," eight. Bantamweight Salvador del Pino outpointed Cristobal Santana, four.
(02-03-84)

▲**SANTA CRUZ**—Light middleweight Angel "Tamaran" Suarez knocked out Fernando Gonzalez in round two for his seventh win.

Light welterweight Angel (Tajinaste) Hernandez outpointed Santiago Perdomo "Pacheco," in six.
(02-04-84)

▲**MALAGA**—Gonzalo Mencho outpointed Mazinga Bimba in a light heavyweight six.
(02-05-84)

▲**BILBAO**—Hugo Carrizo regained the Spanish lightweight title with a disputed points decision over Jose (Kid) Garcia, 10.

Light welterweight champion Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz outpointed Rafael Gutierrez in a non-title eight. The 32-year-old Spaniard thus raised his record to 71-8-6.

Antxon Iraeta outpointed Ali Lukusa in a heavyweight eight.
(03-03-84)

▲**BILBAO**—Andoni Amana won the Spanish middleweight title by knocking out Jose Lozano in the first.
(03-15-84)

SWITZERLAND

▲**GENEVA**—Enrico Scacchia and Antonio Harris fought a tough draw in their light heavyweight 10-rounder. The 20-year-old Scacchia now has a 13-1-1 score.

Middleweight Moussa Moukendjo outpointed Lloyd Christie and featherweight Sepp Iten outpointed Roy Somers, eight.
(02-09-84)

▲**GAILLARD**—Michel Giroud continued his light welterweight campaign with an eight-round points victory over Claude Lancastre. Giroud is now unbeaten in his last 13 bouts.
(02-12-84)

▲**WETTINGEN**—Sepp Iten outpointed Luis de la Sagra of Spain in a featherweight eight.
(02-24-84)

▲**GENEVA**—Michel Giroud put himself in line for a shot at the European light welterweight title with a 10-rounds points victory over former champion Giuseppe Martinez. Giroud now has a 23-3 record.

Former Swiss amateur heavyweight champion Andreas Anderegg knocked out Jacob Tchantchuig in the first.
(03-08-84)

YUGOSLAVIA

▲**TITOGRAD**—Miodrag Perunovic outpointed Larry Rayford in a middleweight 10, and, in the same division, Dominique Delorme drew with Rubel, eight.

Jean Baptiste Mendy kayoed David Mahmutovic in the eighth, light welters.
(03-25-84)

ERIC ARMIT

UNITED KINGDOM

▲**BELFAST—Kings Hall**—In an official eliminator for the WBC featherweight title, Barry McGuigan, Clones, 124¼, beat Jose Caba, Dominican Republic, 126, the referee intervening in round seven with Caba taking punishment without replying.

Caba had gone 15 rounds with WBA champion Eusebio Pedroza, but it was soon clear that he was unlikely to go the full 12 rounds with McGuigan, who has never boxed better, and did everything right.

Perhaps it would be a slight exaggeration to say that Caba looked like a novice, but certainly he had no answer to McGuigan's quick punching. Left jab after left jab found their target on Caba's face in the first couple of rounds, and in the third session the Irishman produced some devastating right uppercuts, setting up his opponent for lefts to the head.

Caba was made to look positively ponderous as the elusive McGuigan used his superior footwork to glide in and out, scoring with punches that were not only of the scoring variety, but they were hurting.

A swelling appeared under Caba's left eye in round four, and desperation was creeping into his work as he threw right hands that mostly missed, giving McGuigan the opportunity to come in with three or four quick punches.

It was one-way traffic, and it seemed the only interest left was to see just how long Caba could assimilate this sort of punishment. His cornermen were doing their best to lessen the swelling by the eye, only for McGuigan to do the unexpected, and switch to the body in round six, leaving Caba without hope.

At the end of that round, referee James Brimmell went across to Caba's corner to assess the position, but the latter came up for round seven. He probably wished he hadn't done so, for McGuigan was out for the kill, driving his man across the ring, finally pinning him against the ropes, and delivering punch after punch without reply.

Then, with just 15 seconds of the seventh to go, the referee stepped between them, and mercifully for Caba it was all over.

This was the signal for McGuigan's cornermen to hoist him on their shoulders amid scenes of enthusiasm not seen in this ring for several years. McGuigan took his victory modestly, and Caba showed fine sportsmanship when he told Barry, "You're the real World Champ."

McGuigan's performance was proof indeed of his right to be included among the top contenders for the World title, and he is without doubt Britain's best prospect for World honours.

Mexican Jose Torres, who beat Charlie Magri, then lost the return, defeated British flyweight champion Hugh Russell, Belfast, the bout being stopped in round five with Russell still on his feet, but under pressure.

All-Ireland light-welter champ P.J. Davitt, Stamullin, 146¾, confirmed a previous win by beating Patsy Quinn, Belfast, 145¾, whose corner retired him at the end of round eight with a damaged left hand. This was a final eliminator for the Irish Welterweight title.

Roy Webb, Larne, 120½, outpointed Mohammed Lovelock, Manchester, 124½, over six.

Dave Irving, Belfast, 141, beat John Murray, Hull 143, the bout being stopped in round three with the latter taking punishment.
(04-04-84)

▲**DERBY—Sports Centre**—Steve Topliss, Derby, 127¼, outpointed Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 128, by 79½-77 over eight. Both were marked. Topliss had a swelling over the right eye. Pearce had a swelling by the left eye, was cut by the eye, and his nose bled. Topliss was a worthy winner.

In his British debut, Jaswant Singh Ark, who had gained a couple of wins in Canada, 148, outpoiunted Peter Phillips, Manchester, 146, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Paul Kelly, Blackpool, 147, outpointed Claude Rosse, Derby, 147, by 59-58 over six. Kelly had been inactive for two years.

Dave Dunn, Manchester, 163, kayoed Floyd Davidson, 163, in round two with a right to the jaw.

Steve Craggs, Bedworth, 144, outscored Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 145, by 59-58 over six.
(03-31-84)

▲**LONDON—York Hall**—Peter Harris, Swansea, 121, impressed in beating Southern Area bantam champ Johnny Dorey, Eltham, 119½, the bout being stopped in round six with Dorey under pressure.

After the fight Dorey announced his retirement from the ring.

Dave Dent, Camden, 144, confirmed a previous win by outpointing substitute Lennie Gloster, 143, Peterborough, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 176½, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 177, over six, by 60-57, winning every round.

Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 135, didn't lose a round in outscoring Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 135, over six by 60-58.

Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 136, drew with T. Roy Smith, Tottenham, 137½, six.

Theo Josephs, Halifax, 179, outpointed Glenroy Taylor, Chiswick, 178½, by a narrow 59-58½, over six.
(03-27-84)

▲**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—After a year's inactivity Mickey Baker, Worcester, 138, looked good in knocking out Gary Williams, 138, in round three.

David Pratt, Leicester, 126, beat Kenny Jinks, West Bromwich, 133, the referee intervening in the opening round after Jinks had been down.

Shane Silvester, West Bromwich, outpointed Tony Rahman, Newport, over six by 59½-57½. Rahman was down in round two.

Malcolm Davis, Shrewsbury, 154, kayoed Andy Roy Whitehouse, Doncaster, 154, in round four.

Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 132, drew with Neville Fivey, Coventry, 130, over six.
(03-27-84)

▲**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Paul Newman, Brighton, 180, beat Geoff Rhymer, Hull, 178, the bout being stopped in round four when the latter was cut by the right eye. Previously they had met twice, with the score, one each.

Billy Edwards, Hackney, 148, outpointed former British karate champion Mark Simpson, Brighton, 147, over six by 59½-58. Simpson was down in round three.

Steve Cook, Southend, 128½, outscored Clinton Campbell, Stoke, over six by 59½,-58.

Alec Brown, Willesden, 149, outpointed Danny Myers, Northampton, 148, over six by 59½-58.
(03-27-84)

▲**WATFORD—Town Hall**—Dennis Andries, Hackney, 175, successfully defended his British light-heavyweight title by narrowly outscoring Tom Collins, 172¼, over 12 rounds by 117½-117. It was the fourth time Andries had beaten Collins in five encounters, but most fans agreed that this one was as close as the scoreline suggests.

This contest only took place because when they met last time in a title fight, the ring was below regulation size, the original ring having been stolen. So it was agreed that Andries would give Collins a return if he won.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 178, outpointed Aneurin Williams, Gilwen, 177, over eight by 79-78. Cattouse was cut by the left eye in round two.

Billy Hardy, Greenford, 120, confirmed a previous win by beating Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 124, the referee intervening in round seven when Clarke was cut by the left eye. The injury needed four stitches.

Mick Durvan, Crystal Palace, 142, outpointed Ron Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 141 over six by 59½-58½. Durvan bled from the nose, and Shinkwin had a mark under the left eye.

Elvis Morton, Leicester, 146½, outpointed Danny (brother of Ron) Shinkwin over six by 59½-58.

John Maloney, Watford, 124, outscored Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 129, over six by 59½-58.
(04-06-84)

▲**LONDON—Lewisham Concert Hall**—Pat Doherty, Croydon, 126¾, impressed in beating Paul Huggins, the referee intervening in round seven after Huggins had been down three times. On the last occasion the official did not take up the count. Huggins was cut by the left eye, marked around both, and his nose bled.

Steve Elwood, Camberwell, 141, beat Alex Brown, Willesden, 149, the referee intervening in round three after Brown had been down. Brown afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Gipsy Carmen, Norwich, 176, didn't lose a round in outpointing Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 173½, over six by 60-58½.

Trevor Hopson, Billericay, 144½, beat Dave Hallett, Torquay, 145¼, the referee intervening in round two after Hallett had been floored.
(04-03-84)

▲**EVESHAM—Sporting Club**—Rocky Mensah, Bradford, 137½, outpointed Carl Merret, Cardiff, 136, over eight. Merrett was decked in round four.

Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 178, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 181, over six by 59½-58 over six.

Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 135, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 133, by 59½-58 over six.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 150, beat Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 153, who was disqualified in round three for persistent infringements.
(04-04-84)

▲**ABERAVON—Afan Lido**—Welshman Colin Jones, who had those two memorable World title fights with Milt McCrory, came back in impressive fashion by knocking out American, Allan Braswell, in round two with a left uppercut and following right hand.

Jones started slowly, and may well have lost the first round, but once he found his range and the body punches starting going in, Braswell was in trouble.

It was Jones' first bout in his native Wales for three years, and he received a tumultuous welcome, plus some impressive singing that can only come from Welshmen.

Jimmy Price, Liverpool, 163, beat American Kenny Whetstone, 160, the bout being stopped in round four with the plucky Whetstone still on his feet but taking a lot of punishment. The American's face showed just how many punches Price had landed, and he had been outclassed.

Bary Knight, West Ham, 146½, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Welsh light-welter champ Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 147, over eight by 79-78. Enthusiastic fans threw in nobbins.

Antonio Harris, Midlands Area light-heavy champ, 179, also confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Welsh title-holder Aneurin Williams, 178½, over eight by 79-78. It was Williams' first bout for six months.

The third boxer to confirm a previous win was Michael Harris, Swansea, 142, who outpointed Colin Neague, Merthyr, over six by 59½-58.

Steve James, Troedyrhiw, 129¼, beat Joey Dee, Alfreton, 135, who was down in round three, and again from a right hand in round five, with the referee not bothering to take up the count.
(03-28-84)

▲**LONDON—Battersea Town Hall**—Southern Area welter champ Rocky Kelly, 151½, beat Paul Murray, Birmingham, 154, who was retired at the end of round five, "suffering from damaged ribs." Murray had been decked four times.

Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 155, confirmed a previous win by easily outpointing Dennis O'Brien, Acton, 152½, not losing one of the eight rounds with a scoreline of 80-77. O'Brien was down in round three.

Substitute Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 168, outpointed Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 166½, over eight by 79-78. Oscar had been inactive for nearly a year.

Sam Reeson, Wandsworth, made it seven straight victories by easily outpointing Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 174¾, over eight by 79½-77.

Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 118, outscored Glen McLaggon, Wales, over six by 59½-58½. Substitute McLaggon did well in his debut.

Mark Reefer, Bethnal Green, 130½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Muhammed Lovelock, Manchester, 132, over six by 60-58.
(03-27-84)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 129¾, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Gerry Beard, 30, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round.

Danny Sullivan, Finchley, 151½, kayoed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 153, in round four with a right hook and following left.

John Maloney, Reading, 120, beat Freddie Potter, Southampton, 117, the bout being stopped in round two when debutant Potter was cut by the right eye.

Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, 162, outpointed Winston Burnett, Cardiff, over eight by 79-78.

Andy Debrue, Cardiff, 130, outpointed Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 131, over four, not losing a round, Scoreline 40-38½. Trigg was down briefly in round three.
(04-02-84)

▲**EDINBURGH—Playhouse Theatre**—It is difficult to believe that this was the first professional boxing in this lovely traditional city for 26 years, and encouraging to see all four Edinburgh boxers win their bouts.

Scottish bantam champion Danny Flynn, Edinburgh, 115½, kayoed Jim Harvey, Glasgow, 117½, in round two to keep his title. Harvey was floored in round one, and twice in round two before the knockout.

Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 136½, beat Welsh lightweight champion Ray Hood, 138¾, Hood remaining on his stool as the bell sounded for round three, with a broken jaw. Hood was down in the opening session.

Jim McIntosh, Edionburgh, 149, beat Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 149½, who was disqualified in round three for persistent holding. Chantler was down in round one.

George Balgrie, Edinburgh, 129¾, beat Taffy Mills, Sunderland, 129, the referee intervening in round four.

Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 160½, stopped Harry Watson, Doncaster, 161, the referee intervening in round seven.

Debutant Robert Harkin, Renton, 147, impressed in beating Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 145, the contests being stopped in round four. Atherton was down in round three.
(04-06-84)

▲**GLASGOW—Normandy Hotel**—Frank Morro, Ghana, outpointed Scottish welter champion Jim Kelly, 146, over eight by 79-78. Kelly was cut by the left eye and marked on the right eye.

John McAllister, Greenock, 149½, beat Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 150, the referee interrvening in round two.

Dave Haggerty, Paisley, 140, outscored Jim Thornton, Sheffield, 137, over eight by 79½-78.

Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, 150, stopped Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 147½, the bout being halted in round three.

Brian Hyslop, Glasgow, 133, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 130, over six by 59½-58.
(04-09-84)

▲**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 141½, beat Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 137, the referee intervening in round two after Decker had been down twice and was cut by the left eye.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 128, outpointed Kevin Howard, Sunderland, 128¼, over eight by 79-78. Sharkey leads in the series 2-1.

Tony Borg, Cardiff, 128, kayoed Alex Cairney, Kirkintilloch, 128, in round two with a left hand.

Debutant Dave Adams, Kirkcaldy, 126½, beat Tony Rahman, Newport, 136, the bout being stopped after Rahman had been decked three times.
(04-16-84)

▲**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—American Buster Drayton, 153¼, caused a major sensation by knocking out British light-middleweight champion Jimmy Cable, 155½, in just 85 seconds. Jimmy had been down earlier from a left hook, got up, and was then floored again by a left swing to the jaw. He took the count slumped against the ropes.

American, Mark Lee, 202, outpointed Noel Quarless, 212½, over ten by 99-97½.

Not a fight to be remembered. Quarless was handicapped by a cut right eye from the sixth onwards, and the eye had closed by the end of the fight. Lee hurt his right hand in round two, but did most of the pressing.

Mo Hussein, West Ham, 136¾, kept his unbeaten certificate by defeating Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 138, the referee intervening near the end of the opening round after Rhodes had been down four times.

Tony Adams, Brixton, 144, beat Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 148, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been decked twice.

Mick Courtney, 153¼, gained a narrow points victory over Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, 154, scoreline 98-97½ over ten. Courtney was down in round seven from a left to the body.

Lithgow started with a graze on his nose, which bled almost immediately.

Many disagreed with the decision, and booed accordingly.

Tony Laing, Nottingham, 137¼, beat Vernon Vanreil, Tottenham, 140, the referee intervening in round seven when Laing produced a lethal right to the jaw that sent Vanreil off his feet

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
6. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
7. Funso Banjo (England)
8. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
9. Gordie Racette (Canada)
10. George Stankovich (New Zealand)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
4. Steve Aczel (Australia)
5. Stewart Lithgo (England)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Don LaLonde (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Dennis Andries (England)
7. Tom Collins (England)
8. Wally Carr (Australia)
9. Devon Bailey (England)
10. Karl Canwell (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mark Kaylor (England)
1. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
2. Tony Sibson (England)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Errol Christie (England)
5. Richie Roberts (Australia)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Alex Hilton (Canada)
8. Brian Muller (Guyana)
9. Jimmy Prince (England)
10. Hunter Clay (Nigeria)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
4. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Jimmy Cable (England)
7. Brian Anderson (England)
8. Nick Wilshire (England)
9. Nelson Bosso (Zimbabwe)
10. Steve Renwick (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Mario Cusson (Canada)
4. Russell Sands (Australia)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
7. Mark Harris (Guyana)
8. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
9. Fitzroy Giueseppe (Belize)
10. Fighting Romanus (Nigeria)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Terry Marsh (England)
7. Pat Leglise (Australia)
8. Vernon Vanreil (England)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Gary Knight (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
6. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
7. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
8. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
9. Pierre Huneault (Canada)
10. Tony Willis (England)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. John Muwanga (Tanzania)
3. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
4. Brian Schofield (Australia)
5. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (No. Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
4. Clyde Ruan (England)
5. Steve Sims (Wales)
6. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
7. Tony Salvatore (Canada)
8. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
9. Eric Boone (Nigeria)
10. Pat Doherty (England)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. John Feeney (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
6. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
7. Jeff Roberts (Guyana)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. John Farrell (England)
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before he hit the canvas. He rose at nine, whereupon the bout was stopped.
(04-11-84)

▲**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—**Mike Farghaly, Manchester, 163, confirmed a previous win by beating Paul Smith, Sheffield, 160½, the bout being halted in round three after Smith had been floored by a right hand and was cut by the left eye.

Winston Wray, Bolton, 164, defeated Doug Isles, Blackpool, 170, the referee stopping it in the opening round with Isles under pressure.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 129, narrowly outpointed Les Walsh, Manchester, 128, over six by 59-58½.

Tony Kempson, Blackpool, 147, beat Mick Calderwood, Salford, 149, the contest being halted in round five when Calderwood was cut by the left eye, which was also closed.
(04-09-84)

▲**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Terry Marsh, Basildon, narrowly outpointed Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, in a final eliminator for the British light welterweight title. Scoreline after twelve rounds was 117½-117, but some thought the margin should have been wider. Sinnott was down just before the final bell, which ended the fight with the count at three.

Jasward Singh Ark, Canada, beat Liverpool welter Tony Smith. In round two a clash of heads cut Smith's left eye, and the referee would not allow him to come up for the next round. It was Smith's first defeat.

Debutant Sammy Sampson, beat Mick Dono, Liverpool, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round when Doug had been down twice. The referee was former British featherweight champion Alan Richardson, Nice to see ex-boxers still contributing to the sport.
(04-16-84)

▲**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club—**Julian Boustead, Torquay, 143, beat Phil Sheridan, Birmingham, 143½, the referee intervening in round six with Sheridan bleeding from the nose and under pressure.

Claude Rosse, Derby, 148, defeated Mick Lock, Retford, 143½, the referee intervening in round two.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 164, also won inside the distance, his bout with Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 161, being halted in round three.

Lateef Beacher, Bradford, 152, drew with Steve Ward, Nottingham, 153, over six.
(04-16-84)

▲**LONDON—Cafe Royal—**Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 144½, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, 145½, the bout being stopped in round six after Tempro had been floored. Steve was also cut by the left eye, and his right eye was shut.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 171½, narrowly outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 173, over six by 59-58½. Burnett was marked by the right eye.

Andy Debreau, Cardiff, 129½, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 132. Again a narrow 59-58½. Bramhald's right eye was cut.

Lee White, Morden, 198, drew with Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 191, over six.
(04-12-84)

▲**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—**Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 135, became the new Midlands Area lightweight title when he kayoed Lee Halford, Leicester, 133¾.

However, Beard was the first man down, being floored in round four from a right hand. He kept going in commendable fashion, only to be cut by the left eye. He then floored his man, only to be cut by the right eye. Nothing daunted, Beard kept up his attack, and an exhausted Halford was kayoed.

Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 154, drew with Graeme Griffin, 147, over six. Hill was down twice in round three, and some thought Griffin deserved the verdict.

Danny Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 142, beat Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 140½, the referee intervening after only one minute of the first round after McKenzie had been down from a right hand.

Peter Bowen, Wednesbury, 134, outpointed Dave Stokes, Leicester, 137, over six by a narrow 59-58½.

Shane Silvester, 121, outscored Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 119, over six, also by 59-58½. Downer was floored in round two.
(04-16-84)

▲**STOKE—European Sporting Club—**Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 153, beat Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 153, the referee intervening in round five with Crolla taking punishment. He had also been down in round two. Mitchell thus won the vacant Central Area light-middleweight title.

Anthony Brown, Islington, 122, was down in the opening round from a left hook, but recovered well to outpoint Mike Whalley, Manchester, 122, over six by a narrow 59-58½. Many thought Whalley unlucky not to get at least a share.

Debutant Mark Sperrin, 142, didn't lose a round in outpointing Lee Roy, Stoke, 146, over six by 60-57½.

John Doherty, Bradford, 129, outscored Les Walsh, Manchester, 128, over six by 59½-57½.
(04-18-84)

▲**BASILDON—Festival Hall—**After a year's inactivity John Moody, 173, came back in devastating fashion to knock out Paul Shell, Birmingham, 175, halfway through the opening round with a left hook that sent Shell to his knees, where he was counted out. Paul had already been down from a left hand. This confirmed a previous quick win over Shell.

David Dent, Camden, 139, outpointed Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 143, over eight, not losing a round with a scoreline of 80-77. Dent has had only four pro bouts. Three of them have been against Gloster, and Dent has won them all.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 172, beat Robbie Turner, Brighton, 171½, the bout being halted in round four.

Substitute Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 130, didn't lose a round in outpointing Kenny Watson, Norwood, 134, by 60-58 over six.

Nick Ellaway, Rochford, 144½, defeated Kevin Sanders, Peterborough, 143, the referee intervening in round two.

Teddy Anderson, Wickford, 132, comfortably outpointed Angelo D'Amore Hendon, 133½, over six by 59½-57½.
(04-19-84)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Mick Rowley, Merthyr, 142¼, beat Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 141½, the referee intervening in round five after Foreman had been down three times.

Nicky Day, Southampton, 138½, defeated Nigel Burke, Newport, 137½, the bout being stopped in round five to save Burke from further punishment.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 173, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 180, for the second time in a week, scoreline 59½-58½ over six.

Tony Rabbetts, Heston, 156, outpointed Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 156, over six by 59½-58½.
(04-17-84)

▲**WIMBLEDON—Merton Civic Hall—**Harry Cowap, Balham, 173, outscored Alan Ash, Carshalton, 176½, over eight by 79½-78½, thus avenging a previous defeat. Ash was marked by the left eye and Cowap bled from the nose, a good fight to watch.

After two year's inactivity, Bob Young, Croydon, 214½, drew with Barry Ellis, Clapham, 210, over eight. Ellis bled from the nose.

Sam Reeson, Battersea, 176½, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Steve Lewin, Morden, over eight, not losing a round with an 80-76 scoreline. Lewis, inactive for two years, was down three times.

Charlie Coke, Croydon, 129, outpointed Muhammad Lovelock, Manchester, 130, over six, not losing a round with a 60-58 scoreline.

Debutant Gilbert Alexander, Notting Hill, 177, outpointed Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 174, by 59½-58½. The winner bled from the nose, and Stacey had a swelling by the left eye.

Danny Sullivan, Finchley, 157, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 156½, not losing a round. Scoreline 60-58 after six.
(04-17-84)

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▲**ABIDJAN—**In a major upset, Jean-Marie Emebe outpointed the world rated American John Davis, 10. Emebe, who lost on a KO to Murray Sutherland, is now a French citizen.

George Chaplin gained revenge for America with a clear points victory over Mary Konate at heavyweight.

Middleweight Soumalia Doumbia outpointed Joel Bonnetaz in eight.

Joel Brival outpointed Bob Clay in a welterweight six.
(04-06-84)

GHANA

▲**ACCRA—**Sam Ago Kotey retained his national and West African lightweight titles with a points victory over Sam Akromah after 12 brutal rounds. Kotey has 14 wins and 11 stoppages.

Sugar Akwei outscored Jow Willisco in a middleweight 10.

Slim Martin decisioned David Armstrong in a featherweight eight.

Lightweight Daniyal Mustapha stopped Mama Musa in five.
(02-25-84)

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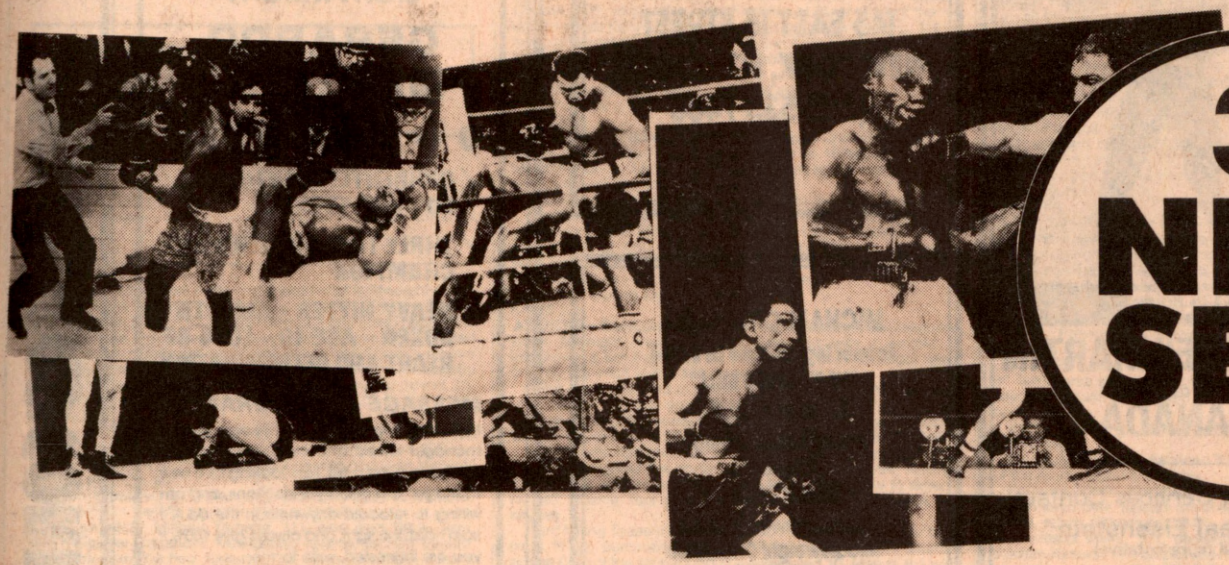

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NIGERIA

▲**LAGOS**—Billy Famous retained his Commonwealth light welterweight title and added the ABU crown to his collection with a fifth round knockout victory over former world title challenger Obisia Nwankpa.
(03-17-84)

ZIMBABWE

▲**BULAWAYO**—Flash Chisango won the Central African light heavyweight title when his opponent, Foreman Mukachunga of Zaire, retired in the sixth. Chisanga now intends to campaign in Europe.
Lightweight Langton Tinago outpointed Bright Spider, eight.
Featherweight Ray Akway kayoed Steve Sting in six.
Heavyweight Captain Marvel outpointed Black Tiger, six.
(03-24-84)

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JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior lightweight champion Yonekura (Isaiah) Ikhoni, 130, dropped Kiyoshi Sasaki, 128½, twice in the fifth round and gained a one-sided decision in 10. It's Kenyan import Ikhoni's second defense since he polished off Joe Tatsuki in th4e first round last November. Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki 98-91, judges Hiroyuki Tezaki and Kazunobu Asao 100-91 and 98-93 respectively, all for the champ. Ikhoni, 25, raised his log to 9-2 with seven kayoes. Kiyoshi, 27, is 11-2-1 with three KOs.

In the semi-final 10, Yoshinari Tanaka, the JBC's sixth ranked featherweight at 130, outscored Hideyuki Shikano, also 130.

Yasuji Shimoji, 130, was awarded a hairline nod over Hiroyuki Minami, also 130, six.

Tetsuo Kawaguchi, 134¼, disposed of Masakazu Tanioka, 135, at 3:02 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Mitsuru Yamada, 111, won from Naoki Sato, 109½. Former Japanese kick-boxing champ Takashi Okubo, 119, drew with Yukihiro Kimura, 119. Riichi Hiromoto, 132¼, halted Ryo Shikakura, 130¼, at 1:17 of the second round in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.
Attendance—2,500.
(04-03-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Former Japanese lightweight champ Fumio Ozaki decided to move up to the 140-pound class, abandoning his option of a return with the current champ Hikaru Tomonari. Ozaki, 144½, came off the canvas in the first round and turned the tables via a fine knockout of Nobuyuki Tabata, also 144½, at 2:34 of the fourth round in 10. Ozaki improved his log to 13-3 with six knockouts. Tabata, a six foot puncher, is 10-2-1 with 10 kayoes. Ken Morita, referee.

Unbeaten Carlos Elliot, a U.S. worker at Misawa Base Camp at 147, was befuddled by solid straight right of Korean Byung-Sun Yuh, 146, but displayed a clearcut kayo with a well-timed left hook at 1:27 of the fifth round in a supporting 10. Carlos, 6-0 with as many kayoes, will be given a mandatory fight against Japanese welterweight champ Junya Kushikino in July.

Yozo Shigesawa, 129¾, stopped Masaya Fukushima, 128¾, at 2:08 of the fourth round in six.

Four rounders: Masanori Hatai, 109½, outscored Masayuki Aono, 109¼. Msami Saito, 117, halted Satoshi Twatsuki, 117½, at 0:31 of the fourth canto. Kokichi Tomono, 134¼, disposed of Masanao Aihara, 132½, at 1:00 of the first session. Mitsuyuki Murakami, 125¾, stopped Katsumi Imai, 123¾. at 2:17 of the third round.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(04-05-84)

▲**SENDAI—Sendai Leisure Center**—Francisco Montiel, Mexican light flyweight champion at 107¼, dropped Korean Soo-Nyun Ma, 107¼, with an opening right in the first round, and gained a unanimous decision in 10. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa 99-96, judges Kodai Kumazaki and Kiyoshi Kazama 99-95 and 98-96, all for Montiel. The Mexican winner, fighting as Sendai Montiel here, improved to 16-2 with 13 kayoes. Ma fell to 9-4-5 with two KOs.

In the semi, Mexican Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 128½, lost a hairline split decision (99-96, 97-98 and 98-99) to Tiger Michigami, a shorter Japanese at 129, in 10.

Shotgun Suzuki, 118, unanimously decisioned Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 118¼, in eight.

Four rounders: Tetsuya Muraoka, 110¾, won from Tetsuo Fukushima, 111¼. Teruaki Miyasato, 110¾, outscored Hiroyuki Ojima, 110¼.

Hideaki Nishikawa, 114¾, knocked out Shigehito Hayashi, 115, at 2:25 of the first round.

Yushi Asano, 114¼, stopped Tetsuo Obata, 114, at 2:48 of the opening session.

Toshiyuki Matsubara, 126, outpointed Yoshitaka Idekai, 125.

Mitsuharu Kasajima, 130, polished off Takao Arakawa, 128¼, at 2:25 of the first round in the opener.

Sendai Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—2,000.
(04-14-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Five six-rounders headlined. Eiji Kikuzaki, 140½, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0-1 with five kayoes by stopping Toyoharu Aizawa, 139¼, at 2:24 of the second.

Lefty Keiji Koizumi, 126½, lost a split decision to Masayuki Ono, 127.

Nobuharu Sekine, the winner of the previoius year's *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney at 125½, eked out a split duke from Shinichi Enomoto, 126. Sekine, now 9-0 with five kayoes, floored Enomoto with a solid right, but was pinned to the ropes by the loser's avenging rallies, taking a standing round in round five.

Moriyoshi Wada, 117½, stopped Yuichi Shima, 118, at 0:27 of the third round after an exchanges of knockdowns.

Tsuyoshi Irakai, 111, outscored Ryuji Ikeda, a lefty with a 5-1-1 record at 109½, via a majority decision.

Four rounders: Motoki Furuno, 123, came off the canvas and flattened Masao Komine, 124, with a countering right at 0:57 into the opening round. Masahiko Kubota, 107¾, drew with Tomoo Matsumoto, 107½. Takeo Onishi, 107¼, made a tough pro debut by taking a split decision from Akira Kiyono, 106¾. Tsukasa Oyama, 125, stopped Junichi Kashima, 126, at 2:19 of the second round. Kenji Iizumi, 117¼, dropped Seiji Ebihara, 116¾, twice and scored an automatic kayo in 0:50 of the first round in the opener. (In Japan a four-round bout is automatically stopped after two knockdowns.

Soka Arisawa Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,200.
(04-15-84)

▲**NAKATSU—Nakatsu Athletic Center**—Chotaro Nagao, the JBC's ninth ranked junior welterweight at 158¾, disposed of Masahiro Inoue, 162¼, at 0:50 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Harumi Yamashita, referee.

Masaki Sono, 114¼, outpointed Takeshi Tokumaru, 113¼, six.

Masato Kudo, 107, won from Tatsuya Sugi, 109½, six.

Four rounders: Shinji Imanaga, 116½, TKO'd Masaaki Yamatsuki, 116½, at 1:50 of the third. Yoshiharu Masuda, 105, drew with Tetsuya Shiozuka, 106. Masakatsu Mototani, 133½, and Tadafumi Miura, 132½, drew in the opener.

Nakatsu Boxing Club. No telecast.
(04-15-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Having defeated ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Tetsumi Takeshita with a couple of knockdowns last February, 20-year-old Kenbun Taiho got rated 10th by the WBA in the 108-pound class.

Taiho, 108, was held to a hotly disputed draw by Yoshiaki Nojima, 107½, 10. The worst decision of the month. The crowd severely jeered the verdict. Scoring: ref Ken Morita and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 97-97; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 97-96, Taiho.

Nojima, who had once decisioned Taiho, outsped and outlegged him throughout the contest. *The Ring* saw it 97-94, Nojima. Taiho, 8-1-2 with three kayoes, had better learn how to defend himself. Nojima, four years his senior at 24, is 14-7-2 with two kayoes.

Hard hitting Tadashi Maruo, the JBC's fourth ranked junior bantie at 117½, pummeled Katsunori Nagamoto, 117, into submission at 0:50 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Maruo, 8-1 with eight kayoes, still looks stiff in punching and moving. Nagamoto fell to 9-8 with one kayo.

Hideki Kanai, 121, outpointed Kenichi Ishii, 122, six. Kazuya Kadoi, 118, won from Masakatsu Toyooka, 118, six.

Four rounders: Yoshihiro Sakurai, 157¾, stopped Keizo Kato, 158, at 2:43 of the second. Shinji Hiraga, 110¼, kayoed Tatsuya Sato, 110¼, in 2:23 of the first. Lefty Hisamichi Adachi, 119¼, TKO'd Su Sasaki, 119¾, at 1:05 of the third. Nobuyoshi Ebina, 114¼, needed just 59 seconds to demolish Kaoru Ono, 115, in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. TBS TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(04-23-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The JBC's top flyweight contender, Yuto Kazaki, was a promoter himself—selling tickets and gathering the crowd this night. But Kazaki, 112, hit the deck thrice—in rounds six, seven, and nine—to suffer an upset kayo by lefty infighter Koji Nishikawa, 110½, at 0:57 of the ninth round in ten. Kazaki had the less experienced man at bay in the third session, but his weak midsection allowed the knockdowns to occur. Kazaki, formerly fighting as Shinichi Ogiso (his real name) with a 35-10 amateur record, fell to 8-3 with five kayoes. Nishikawa, two years his junior at 20, is 9-2 with four knockouts.

Ex-amateur light welterweight champ Katsuhide Nomura, 146, registered his fifth kayo in as many pro bouts by halting Yukio Abe, 143¼, at 2:57 of the third round in an eight. Abe, coached by ex-WBA junior middleweight champ Koichi Wajima, failed to resume fighting after taking a stading count. Abe is now 6-3-1 with four knockouts.

Kenan Nakama, former amateur high school champ in the mosquito class at 107½, dropped Hirofumi Aikata, 108½, thrice and stopped him at 1:55 of the fourth round in their eight. Kenan, younger brother of ex-Japanese junior flyweight champ Kentoku Nakama, upped his log to 6-1 with four kayoes. He has good power, Aikata is 6-8-1 with four knockouts.

Four rounders: Yasuyuki Nakayama, 130, outpointed Tadashi Sakurai, 129½. Soichi Higuchi, 117½, decisioned Toshio Koike, 117½. Noboru Tsuzukanuki, 152¾, stopped Reishiro Tsuzuki, 153¾, at 1:39 of the second round. Akira Saito, 117, halted Shinichi Iwasaki, 116¼, at 2:13 of the fourth round. Makoto Watanabe, 120, stopped Hiroyoshi Kishimoto, 120½, at 2:23 of the third round in the opener.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—1,400.
(04-26-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hard hitting Yoshiyuki Uchida, 114¼, ran his fine record to 15-1-1 with 15 kayoes as he impressively disposed of Fumito Hasegawa, 114¾, at 2:51 of the fourth round in a 10. Despite his good log, Uchida had been castigated due to his lack of defensive skills. But this night, he showed progress. He is the JBC's second ranked flyweight. Hasegawa impaired to 10-6-1 with seven kayoes. Kazunobu Asao, referee.

In the semi-final 10, Eiji Okita, the JBC's number five lightie at 135, floored Katsutoshi Takashi, also 135, twice and had the ref Kodai Kumazaki declare a halt at 2:37 of the sixth. Okita is now 6-1 with three kayoes. Takasaki fell to 7-7 with five knockouts.

Shingo Hayasaka, 117½, outpointed Norio Hasegawa, 118, six.

Four rounders: Yuji Maehara, 143¾, stopped Satoshi Inoue, 145¾, at 2:24 of the fourth and final round. Taichi Okada, 121½, halted Hiroshi Hishiyama, 121½, at 2:09 of the third. Kazuhiko Akira, 115, finished Ryuufuku Koh, 115½, at 1:52 of the third. Yukishige Kanda, 153, decisioned Tateo Sugimoto, 153¼. Yukihisa Isozaki, 108, dropped Tsuyoshi Tsuji, 106½, twice and won a onesided nod in the opener.

King Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,500.
(04-27-84)

▲**MATSUMOTO—City Gymnasium**—Japanese lightweight champion Hikaru Tomonari, 135, kept his title by taking a unanimous decision from Cheyenne Yamamoto, the JBC's top contender at 134¼, 10. Scoring: referee Takaomi Ito, 99-96; judges Koichi Ushida and Otsuji, 99-97 and 99-98, respectively—all for Tomonari.

Hitoshi Ito, 124¾, won a close but unanimous decision (all 58-57) over Haruhito Sakamoto, 126, six.

Kenji Yokosawa, 106½, lost to Masato Tanaka, 107¼, six.

Four rounders: Hiroshi Endo, 145½, stopped Atsushi Muraoka, 141, at 0:24 of the first round. Mineyoshi Miyake, 120¾, outpointed Kazuhiro Sakai, 120¼. Katsunori Iwaya, 111, drew with Yoshihiro Yamagushi, 111¼. Masamichi Hasiguchi, 133, stopped Hiroaki Motohashi, also 133, at 0:36 of the first round in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. TV Shinshu.
Attendance—3,000.
(04-28-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Surprisingly, Kazuo Katsuma, 115, won the Japanese junior bantamweight title. He exploded a countering right to the face and flattened defending champ Mutsuo Watanabe, 114¼, in 2:45 of the third round in 10. A one-punch kayo. No one had expected Katsuma's victory, as he is a notorious "china chin." Katsuma, 25, is now 13-8 with nine kayoes. Watanabe fell to 11-8-2 with five kayoes. Yusaku Yoshida, referee. Previously unbeaten Leopardo (Yukito) Tamakuma, 107¼, hit the deck in round three, and lost a majority decision (78-77, 77-76, and 78-78) to Takahiro Masaki, 108, eight. The 5' 8" Tamakuma suffered his first setback, impairing to 6-1 with no kayoes. Masaki, three years his senior at 23, is 10-5-1, also with no knockouts.

Kunio Takanami, 125¾, outpointed Tomomi Shimabukuro, 125¾, six.

Miriaki Arazaki, 112, flattened Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 111¾, in 2:03 of the fourth round in their six.

Four rounders: Kazuhisa Tominaga, 139¼, scored a one punch kayo over Yasushi Miyake, 138¼, at 2:01 of the second round. Ichiro Nakamura, 134¼, won from Michiaki Tsukamoto, 133. Mitsuo Inami, 107, decisioned Tadayuki Toyama, 107¼. Yukihiro Kimura, 117, outpointed Mitsuya Tokumaru, 117¼, in the opener.

Kokusai Promotions. Nippon TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(05-03-84)

▲**NAGOYA—Tsurumai Public Hall**—Hitoshi Taniuchi, 112, came off the canvas and dropped Tomoyuki Moriomoto, also 112, thrice, finishing the latter at 2:51 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Taniuchi is now 8-5 with six kayoes. Morimoto fell to 6-3 with three KOs.

Tricky Kwaguchi, previously fighting as Noboru Kawaguchi, 147, was awarded a majority nod (79-76, 78-76 and 78-78) over Takeshi Fukui, 146¾, eight.

Junya Hamada, 125¾, easily stopped Fukuichi Ota, 124¼, at 1:16 of the first round in another eight. Hamada is now 5-1-1 with four kayoes.

Masatoshi Azuma, 109¼, stopped Hallelujah Yamauchi, 110¾, at 2:28 of the third round in the scheduled four-round opener.

Central Japan Boxing Association. No telecast.
Attendance—1,800.
(05-04-84)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 111¾, beat Yukinori Onishi, 112, to the punch and demolished him at 1:56 of the 10th and final round. Referee Kazunobu Asao didn't even bother to count when Onishi hit the canvas from a left hook.

Uchikoshi, now 11-4-2 with five kayoes, had once fought a fierce battle with then Japanese flyweight champ Kazumasa Funaki, losing a decision on June 25, 1981. Onishi is now 7-7-1 with three knockouts.

Shigemichi Wakatsuki, 129¾, and Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 129, fought to a unanimous draw (double 78-78 and 77-77), eight. They were Novice King tourney winners of East and West Japan with Kaneshiro stopping Wakatsuki to become the All-Japan winner in the previous year.

Seiji Kawa, 139¾, made a fine pro debut by stopping Shigeki Matsui, 139¾, at 1:21 of the second round in a six. Seiji, 22, was ex-All Japan high school champ in the light welterweight class in 1979. He was fighting in many amateur contests while he was a student in Hosei University.

Four rounders: Is there a professional boxer who graduated from Harvard University? Masahiro Maekawa, 26, was such a case. He is a graduate from Tokyo University, the Japanese version of Harvard. Maekawa, with some experience of Kempo *a la* Jiro Watanabe, tried his fists only to be kayoed by Yoshimitsu Ano, 129½, in 2:10 of the fourth round. Many photographers gathered at the ringside. Maekawa, 126, obviously became nervous before the waves of journalism. Hirohiko Yabuki, 112, won from Toshimasa Torigoe, 111¾. Hoshiaki Fujiwara, 111¾, kayoed Nozomu Okuda, 111¾, in 1:13 of the first round. Hideki Aimi, 119½, halted Mutsumi Naito, 122, at 1:43 of the first round in the opener.

Saida Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance—1,500.
(05-06-84)

JAPANESE RATINGS
BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF MAY 21, 1984)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Keitoku Senrima
1. Mugen Kawaska
2. Shinji tojo
3. Hiroshi Izumiya
4. Koji Aoki
5. Tsutomu Takashiho
6. No Listing

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara
1. Yohi Arai
2. Kei Tsukada
3. Katsuhiro Sawada
4. Katshuide Nomura
5. Takanobu Suzuki
6. Noboru Kawaguchi

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Junya Kushikino
1. Carlos Elliott
2. Nobutaka Kuwata
3. Taijiro Niyama
4. Kozo Fukuya
5. Iwao Nishikawa
6. Shoji Okishima
7. Rocky Takemoto
8. Eiji Kimura
9. Makoto Mochizuki
10. No Listing

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Hidkazu Akai
2. Mashahiro Tanabu
3. Fujio Ozaki
4. Ryutaro Otsuki
5. Nobuyuki Tabata
6. Hammer Itoi
7. Masaji Fujiwara
8. Katsunori Hokama
9. Chotaro Nagao
10. No Listing

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
HIKARU TOMONARI
1. Tsuyoshi Hamada
2. Young Hideo
3. Cheyenne Yamamoto
4. Eiji Okimoto
5. Takashi Ishido
6. Kojiro Sasaki
7. Hirotaka Hinenoya
8. Katsutoshi Takasaki
9. Hideyuki Shikano
10. Yoshio Yamamoto

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yonekura Ikhoni
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Gen Tosa
3. Tenya Maruki
4. Kazushi Maehara
5. Mitsuteru Higashi
6. Junichi Misawa
7. Isamu Teramoto
8. Kiyoshi Sasaki
9. Koji Sengoku
10. Michio Jinbo

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Masahiro Takagi
2. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
3. Mitsuru Sugiya
4. Tiger Michigami
5. Yoshinari Tanaka
6. Tatsunari Hisashiro
7. Chiba Arrendondo
8. Rusher Kawaguchi
9. Koichi Satojima
10. No Listing

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Osamu Kazuo
2. Eiji Oyama
3. Kaoru Toshioka
4. Satoshi Koguchi
5. Keiji Kawamura
6. Marciano Sekiyama
7. Takeshi Mitsu
8. Masahide Ikehara
9. Takashi Komori
10. No Listing

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mitsuo Imazato
1. Takaharu Nishimura
2. Mitsuru Aransaki
3. Makoto Taguchi
4. Hiroshi Yamamoto
5. Kazuhiro Matsuda
6. Kiyoshi Oyama
7. Masataka Katayama
8. Fumishito Hasegawa
9. Shotgun Suzuki
10. Shunichi Soma

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazuo Katsuma
1. Jackal Maruyama
2. Hiroyuki Seki
3. Mutsuo Watanabe
4. Tadashi Maruo
5. Yasumasa Kawate
6. Hiroaki Kato
7. Koichi Sugimoto
8. Yoshiro Machi
9. Jo Shiranui
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Shuichi Hozumi
1. Yoshiyuki Uchida
2. Koji Nishikawa
3. Kazuyoshi Funaki
4. Takashi Sakakibara
5. Takashiro Masaki
6. Yuto Kazaki
7. Goju Toriumi
8. Keiji Sato
9. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
10. Hitoshi Taniuchi

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Kazuhito Ikeda
2. Tasashi Kuramochi
3. Yoshiaki Nojima
4. Tetsumi Takeshita
5. Kentoku Nakama
6. Yoshikazu Kurashita
7. Rikuo Watanabe
8. Kenji Ono
9. Tomohiro Kiuna
10. Leopard Tamakuma

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Koji Kobayashi (flyweight), Kenbun Taiho, Katsuo Tokashiki (junior flyweights).

▲OKINAWA—Koza Gymnasium—Having dethroned by Kenyan import Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, ex-Japanese junior lightweight champ Yoshimitsu Azato, 133¾, gained a onesided decision from Isamu Teramoto, former All Japan Novice King tourney winner at 133, 10.

Azato floored the youngster twice—in rounds one and five.

Scoring: referee Kazumasa Kuwata, 100-92; judges Kenjiro Makizumi and Hisao Yamazaki, both 99-93—all for the taller Azato.

Tomohiro Kiuna, 106¼, decisioned Masato Kudo, 105, eight.

Seiji Tomari, 111¼, stopped Takeshi Tokumaru, 111¾, at 2:30 of the second.

Yasumichi Noborikawa, 106½, kayoed Takayuki Komugi, 106¾.

Akihisa Yamagami, 107¼, drew with Tetsuya Shiozuka, 106¼, in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. No telecast.
(05-06-84)

▲OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Japanese welterweight champion Junya Kushikino, 146¼, kept his title for the 11th time as he copped a unanimous decision over durable challenger Shoji Okishima, 146¼, 10.

Kushikino, however failed to score his 13th consecutive knockout (Japanese record is 12), as the loser refused to go down throughout the contest. Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 97-96; judges Nobumitsu Inukai and Hiroyoshi Yasuda, 98-96 and 99-93—all for the defending champ.

Kushikino raised his log to 27-13 with 22 kayoes. Okishima, whose toughness was praised by the crowd, is 7-8-1 with two knockouts.

In the semi, fast-rising Yoshikazu Kurashita, 108, Osaka, took a split decision from Kenji Ono, the JBC's sixth ranked junior flyweight at 107½, 10. Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 97-96, Ono; judges Teruo Fujita and Hiroshi Matsumoto, 99-94 and 99-95, both for Kurashita.

Hirotaka Hinenoya, 139¾, returned to the ring and scored an upset decision over Yoshio Yamamoto, the JBC's ninth ranked lightie at 139½, six. Yamamoto, the winner of this year's *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, was sent to the canvas midway in the fourth round. The decision was unanimous.

Tomoharu Ogawa, 134¾, drew with Masato Takada, 134, six.

Michio Kawakami, 121½, decisioned Masayoshi Matsuura, 121½, six.

Four rounders: Osamu Ueda, 121¼, outpointed Toshiaki Okuda, 120½. Yukinari Oshiro, 110, won from Tetsuya Hamamoto, 111. Seiichi Katayama, 122, decisioned Takashi Kitano, 121½, in the opener.

Shinko Boxing Club. No telecast.

Attendance—5,600.
(05-11-84)

▲NARA—Kashiwara Gymnasium—Satoshi Shingaki, 117½, won the IBF (International Boxing Federation) world bantamweight crown, as he lopsidedly battered Filipino Elmer Magallano, 117½, and halted him at 2:28 of the eighth round in a scheduled 15-round eliminator.

Tall lefty Shingaki dropped Magallano once in the sixth, and twice more in the fatal session before the third man called a halt. However, the level of the bout was far from the standard of a world title fight. Shingaki was TKO'd by Dodie Boy Penalosa in an IBF junior flyweight title bout on December 10. The Filipino loser, Elmer, also formerly a junior flyweight, was once rated by the WBA and WBC due to an upset kayo over then OPBF champ Sung-Nam Kim. But Elmer dropped out of the top 10 in the 108-pound class owing to losses to Korean Moon-Jin Choi last May. Can the IBF call this contest a world title bout?

Shingaki, 20, a former All Japan high school light flyweight champ, is now 6-1-1 with five kayoes. Elmer, 21, fell to 13-10-3 with six knockouts.

In the semi-final, Shinobu Kawashima, 116¼, won a decision over Filipino Almando Balzuela, 115¾, 10. Kawashima is now 2-0 with one knockout.

Four rounders: Takafumi Shimizu, 112, kayoed Mitsuo Matsuda, 112, in the first round. Hideo Yamazaki, 135½, won from Tatsuyoshi Maeda, 130¾. Masahiro Yagi, 133¼, outpointed Kenji Tagai, 136¾. Mikiharu Aoyagi, 129½, stopped Naoki Murakami, 130, at 2:02 of the second canto. Hiroyuki Yamano, 124, outpointed Kenji Takahashi, 125¾, in the opener.

This card was not sanctioned by the Japanese Boxing Commission.

Nara Ikeda Promotions. Nara TV.

Attendance—5,000.
(04-15-84)

▲NOTES—The world junior bantamweight unification fight between WBA champ Jiro Watanabe (Japan) and Payao Poontarat (Thailand) will be held at Castle International Culture Sports Hall in Osaka on July 5. The purses are reportedly $250,000 for each man. This will be Jiro's seventh defense and Payao's second since the Thai dethroned Rafael Orono via an upset 12-round decision last year.

Don't call Japanese junior middleweight champ Tadashi Mihara a Japanese version of Monte Masters. Mihara married Shizuka Misako, the daughter of his manager/promoter Hitoshi Misako (former Orient flyweight champion) at Keioh Plaza Hotel on April 15. Mihara, the WBC's 10th ranked super welterweight, won the WBA crown by beating Rocky Rratto in a 15-round eliminator in Rochester on November 7, 1981. Dethroned by Davey Moore via a sixth round kayo on February 2 of the next year, Mihara has remained unbeaten since. Mihara, 22-1 with 14 knockouts, will be given a shot at Thomas Hearns' WBC title, provided Hearns beats Robert Duran on June 15.

Joe Mendel, a Mexican counterpuncher rated top in the world bantamweight ratings in the early 1960s, has been imported as an instructor for Mexican boys staying in Japan by Takashi Chiba, president of the Sendai Boxing Club.

Mendel met Fighting Harada in the ring prior to the WBC flyweight title bout between Gabriel Bernal and Koji Kobayashi on April 9. Medel kayoed Harada in 1963, but failed to win the world bantamweight crown, losing a 15-round decision to Harada in 1967. Good old memories...

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KOREA

▲YOUSOO—Yousoo Indoor Gymnasium—Up-and-coming Seung-Hoo Lee, the WBA's fourth ranked junior featherweight at 122, proved too strong for Kid Sumaila, 122½, stopping the Ghanan at 2:29 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Lee thus continued his kayo streak and improved his log to 31-4 with 16 kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw Korean lightweight champ Suk-Kyu Park, 137½, dispose of another Ghanan, Baba Sumaila, 137¾, at 1:51 of the third. Park is now 18-3-3 with 11 kayoes.

Kyung-Jung Lee, 132, outscored Kung-Yang Kim, 132½, six. Chong-Hwa Jin, 132¼, won from Bong-Chun Park, 132, six. Kum-Soo Choi, 108, stopped Byung-Kwan Chung, also 108, at the end of the fifth round in another six.

Four rounders: Il-Gu Ji, 128, stopped Ok-Min Lee, 127¾, at 2:30 of the third canto. Ki-Nam Lee, 116¼, outscored Chun-Suk Kim, 116¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.
(04-01-84)

▲JOUNGJU—Joungju Gymnasium—Former Korean welterweight champ Woo Hwang, 141¾, found it easy to finish Filipino Flash Romeo, 141½, at 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Romeo had been a kayo victim of ex-WBC super lightweight champ Sang-Hyun Kim in Korea years ago.

Han-Jung Kim, 128, was awarded a technical decision over Sun-Hwan Suh, 128¼, at 1:22 of the eighth round in another 10. Kim is now 11-1-2 with no kayoes. Suh, the KBC's fifth ranked featherweight, is 8-3-1 with two knockouts.

Ki-Youl Lee, 166½, won from Soo-Hwang Lee, also 166½, eight. Young-Rae Choi, 136¾, outpointed In Hwang, also 136¾, six.

Four rounders: Ki-Chul Chung, 136¼, outscored Hyung-Yun Lee, 135¼. Jung-Soo Choi, 112¼, stopped Sang-Jung Kim, 113¼, at 0:34 of the second in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(04-05-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Heung-Suk Yuh, the KBC's second ranked lightie at 136½, made short work of Filipino Elmer Leonardo, 135½, stopping him at 2:31 of the third round in a 10.

Yuh, previously rated 10th by the WBA, recently dropped out of the top 10. He is now 9-1-2 with 14 kayoes. The Filipino is 22-5-2 with eight knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Chong-Kwon An, 132, awarded a technical decision from Yang-Ki Lee, 131¾, at 2:42 of the fifth round. An, the KBC's fourth ranked junior lightie, is now 12-4-3 with four kayoes. Lee fell to 7-6-2 with two knockouts.

Tae-Wang Kang, 141½, stopped Kuk-Jin Yim, 141, at 3:07 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Jin Han, 144½, won from Tae-Ju Kang, 132¾, six. Suk-Kwon Lee, 119½, outpointed Ho-Jin Kim, 119¾, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions.
(04-06-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean top junior lightweight contender Jin-Shik Choi, 132, extended his log to 11-1 with 10 kayoes as he banged out Filipino Rudy Solis, 131½, and finished him at 1:27 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Solis, in his first appearance in Korea, dropped to 15-4 with six kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Hwa-Young Song, 142¾, demolished Ki-Hae Song, 143½, at 2:25 of the eighth round. Song, the KBC's sixth ranked junior welterweight, is now 6-4-4 (two kayoes). Ki-Hae is 11-2 with 10 knockouts.

The first 10 saw Jung-Wo Chun, 120½, stopped Jung-Pyo Kim, 119¼, at 2:27 of the eighth round. Chun, the KBC's number three bantie, is now 11-5-2 with five kayoes.

Tae-Il Chang, 116¼, outscored Chang-Kyun Oh, 116½, eight. Houn-Kuk Choi, 113, decisioned Sung-Duk Kim, 113¼, four. Jae-Gu Lee, 125¼, won from Kwang-Soo Lee, 124½, in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.
(04-08-84)

▲CHINJU—Chinju Indoor Gymansium—OPBF junior featherweight champ Ji-Won Kim, 122, kept his crown by decisioning Filipino Rolly Navarro, also 122, twelve. With Soon-Hyun Chun's retirement after his 15-round decision loss to Leo Cruz, Kim seized the vacant OPBF throne last year. Kim is still unbeaten, with a 10-0-2 log with two kayoes. Navarro is 14-5 with five knockouts.

Former Korean junior featherweight champ Chun-Jung Chun, 123¼, won over Yang-Soo Park, 124, by a disqualification at 1:15 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Chun is now 18-3-5 with 10 kayoes.

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The first 10 saw Tae-Young Choi, 127½, outpoint Hi-Young Kim, 127¾.

Jung-Ho Lee, 124½, stopped Ho-Tae Nam, 124, at 1:59 of the third round in a six.

Hong-Kyu Yang, 116¾, halted Yong-Shik Kim, 116, at 0:48 of the fourth session in another six.

Sang-Kuk Do, 117¼, won from Sung-Jin Ji, 117¾, in the four-round opener.

Sangwon Promotions.

(04-08-84)

▲INCHON—Inchon Gymnasium—Sang-Ho Lee, then rated second in the WBA junior welterweight ratings, lost his opportunity to fight Johnny Bumphus in his bid for the vacant WBA title relinquished by Aaron Pryor, as he suffered an upset kayo by Allan Alegria last year.

This was a grudge fight for Lee. Sang-Ho, a clever footworker at 140, turned the tables, as Alegria, 140¼, was disqualified due to thumbing Lee's left eye at 1:59 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Before the (booed) stoppage, Lee was leading on points. But Lee's showing was far from impressive. Lee is now 33-1 with 27 kayoes. Alegria, the WBA's fifth ranked junior welterweight, dropped to 16-2 with nine KOs.

Do-Da Kim, 109¼, won from Yuk-Dong An, 109¾, eight.

Chang-Ho Chun, 112¼, outpointed Heung-Sub Aum, 112½, six.

Yong-Wun Kim, 123, decisioned Sang-Don Lee, 122¼, six.

Four rounders: Seung-Hyun Bang, 118½, stopped Yung-Gu Park, 119¼, at 1:51 of the second round. Chug-Il Yuh, 113½, and Jong-Young Lee, 114, drew. Sung-Chul Shin, 124, halted Yong-Han Lee, 122¼, at 1:06 of the first round. Sae-Yung Park, 109¼, drew with Sung-Kyu Kim, 110. Tae-Won Han, 111¾, outpointed Ki-Yung Yang, 111¼, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.

(04-14-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Seung-In Suh, 121½, won the IBF junior featherweight title, as he halted Filipino Bobby Berna, the defending champ at 121¼, at 0:28 into the 10th round in a scheduled 15-round title bout. Their first encounter ended in a controversial "no contest" in Seoul on December 4, but IBF president Robert Lee named Bobby Berna the first IBF champ in the 122-pound division after he returned to New Jersey.

His severe weight reduction weakened Berna, who looked sluggish from the start. They seldom exchanged hot rallies in the first eight rounds. The ninth canto saw Suh land a solid right to Bobby's left eye, which began swelling badly. When the bell sounded to start the 10th session, Berna refused to come out his corner and was counted out by the third man.

Suh, a tall aggressive puncher, is now 21-3 with 10 kayoes. Berna impaired to 22-4-1 with 12 KOs. (excluding their first bout—no contest).

Myung-Wo Yuh, 107¾, ran his unbeaten log to 14-0 (one kayo), as he tabbed his first kayo win over Filipino Little Baguio, 107½, at 1:11 of the second round in 10. Baguio fell to 17-3-2 with nine kayoes.

Chong-Kwan Chung, 114¼, halted Duk-Han Bae, 115, at 2:54 of the second round in an eight.

Chong-Jin Chung, 123, drew with Shin Park, 123¼, six.

Yong-Bum Lee, 135, outscored Jin-Suk Chang, 134½, six.

Four rounders: Kyu-Shik Yang, 110, won from Byung-Chul Bean, 109¾. Sung-Hyun Park, 124¾, decisioned Ki-Wan Kim, 125, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(04-15-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Why has the IBF allowed its world title bouts, under the junior lightweight class, to be fought only by Orientals—in the Orient?

There are too many IBF world title bouts in Korea, and Korean critics say that some IBF champs are inferior to the OPBF titlists.

Hwan-Kil Yuh, former OPBF featherweight kingpin at 129¾, became the first IBF junior lightweight champion, as he was awarded a split decision over Filipino Rod Sequenan, the OPBF ruler at 129, in 15 rounds.

Scoring: Norio Higasa (Japan), 146-144, Yuh; Jin-Kuk Kim (Korea), 148-143, Yuh; Capi Paulino (Philippines), 145-143, Sequenan.

Yuh, a short but sturdy lefty, dropped Sequenan with a southpaw left midway in round two. The fifth canto saw both on the verge of knockdowns with desperate exchanges of punches. Sequenan, also a lefty, dominated the fifth to the eighth rounds. But Yuh, four years his junior at 22, came back hard from the ninth round on.

Korea now has five IBF champions—flyweight Soon-Chun Kwon, junior bantamweight Ju-Do Chun, junior featherweight Seung-In Suh, featherweight Min-Keun Oh, and junior lightie Yuh. Japan has refused to join the IBF. So, the IBF title bouts have been fought by Koreans, Thais, and Filipinos.

Hwang-Kil Yuh is now 24-1-3 with 11 kayoes. Sequenan dropped to 37-5-3 with 23 knockouts.

Dong-Chun Lee, the WBA's ninth ranked junior bantie at 118¾, disposed of Filipino Flash Rockman, 117¼, at 1:38 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Lee, 19-5-1 with seven kayoes, entered the WBA's top 10 thanks to an upset decision over Filipino William Develos (who had upset Suk-Chul Bae in Korea) last year. Rockman, 19-6-1 with eight KOs, looked fragile.

Hwa-Soo Lee, 109½, drew with Kung-Soo Choi, 109¼, eight.

Tae-Yong Koh, 131¾, decisioned Hyun-Il Kim, 131½, six.

Hyun-Man Kim, 109¼, stopped Sang-Ki Park, 108½, at 1:56 of the third round in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(04-22-84)

▲SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—Korean junior middleweight champ Jae-Hyung Yuh, 154¼, displayed his power punching in demolishing Japanese Takanobu Suzuki, 154, at 2:17 of the second round in a 10. Yuh, the younger brother of ex-WBA champ Jae-Do Yuh, dropped his less experienced opponent with a straight right, and a body shot floored him again for the full count. Yuh is now 22-3 with 18 kayoes.

Chong-Chul Park, 123½, stopped Nam-Soo Lee, 123, at 2:30 of the first round in an eight.

Young-Sil Kim, 124, halted Byung-Bum Choi, also 124, at 0:40 of the sixth session in another eight.

Houn-Kuk Choi, 113¼, won from Ul-Chul Chung, also 113¼, six.

Four rounders: Sung-In Lee, 153¾, finished Jae-Shik Kang, 154, at 2:07 of the first round. Gu-An Chung, 133¾, decisioned Young-Kil Park, 133½. Chong-Ho Song, 113½, won from Chun-Hyun Kim, 114, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(04-24-84)

▲KWANGJU—Kwangju Indoor Gymnasium—Hi-Sup Shin, the OPBF flyweight champion at 114¾, caught Filipino Al Tan Lee, 114, and polished him off at 2:19 of the third round in a non-title 10.

Shin, now 29-2-1 with 14 kayoes, hasn't defended his OPBF crown for many months. He will now have to make a mandatory defense due to the OPBF's order. The Filipino loser is now 14-4-1 with one knockout.

In the semi-final 10, Kyu-Un Choi, 137¾, stopped Ghanan Juneda Musa, 138¼, at 2:28 of the third round. Choi, Korean top lightweight contender, is now 18-3 with 10 kayoes. The Ghanan fell to 14-3 with 10 knockouts.

Kyung-Shik Park, 140, drew with Heung-Shik Shin, 139¾, six.

Four rounders: Hun-Duk Chung, 117¼, kayoed Yong-Won Chung, 117½, at 2:06 of the first session. Tae-Yul Suh, 119¼, halted Yong-Bae Kim, 119¼, at 2:52 of the opening canto. Hyun-Chun Ji, 114¾, drew with Kun-Jin Byun, 114¾. Suk-Bong Kim, 118, won from Kyung-Tak Chung, 117½. Jun-Won Kang, 108¾, outscored Jae-Kwan Dum, 110, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-28-84)

JOE KOIZUMI and YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▲PIGCAWAYAN, NORTH COTABATO—Kid Baguer, Jr., 120, scored a fifth round TKO over Ali Peralta, 125, in a scheduled 10.

Benhur Bedia, promoter.

(02-01-84)

▲PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex—Ernie Cataluna, the GAB's second ranked bantie at 119, stopped Rene Brugada, 118, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Pablo Pepito, 119, TKO'd Fel Jardenil, 118, in the eighth session of their 10.

Fel Aporto, 122, unanimously decisioned Romeo Santos, 123½, 10.

Flash delos Reyes, 129¾, halted Urbano Quilinguen, 130, in the fourth canto of a scheduled six.

Joel Advincula, 111, won a split nod from Littlé Embana, 109¾, six.

Four rounders: Leo Enriquez, 115, won from Bert Baco, 112. Fred Saulong, 109¾, decisioned Felix Enero, 110. Alex dela Flor, 109, drew with Danny Duran, 109½, in the opener.

Tomasa Pamiloza, promoter.

Carlos Roman & Romulo Santiago, the GAB's witnesses.

(02-03-84)

▲POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO—Ric. Zaulda, 130, earned a unanimous nod from Boy Morales, also 130, 10.

Al Tan Lee, 120, was a unanimous points winner over Ed Norcos, 123, 10.

Dioscoro Morales, promoter.

(02-03-84)

▲KALILANGAN, BUKIDNON—Cris Ladera, 138, fought to a split draw with Nes Lim, 138, ten.

Jesus Egcol, promoter.

(02-05-84)

▲PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—Dioninisio Castillo, the GAB's number seven junior welterweight at 142, won a unanimous verdict over Sugar Rey Roland, 142, 10. Major Valeriano Deocariza, referee.

Sil Golosino, 111½, won from Armando Barzuela, 112, 10.

Rocky Allapitan, 120, TKO'd Rod Mollen, 120, at 3:02 of the sixth session in an eight.

Monong Manaay, 126, halted Joen Sibulan, 127, at 1:33 of the fifth round in their eight.

Efren Aranas, 119, won from Bobby Pinos, 118½, six.

Four rounders: Joseph Ladipe, 113, won from Leo Enriquez, 113. Julius Oligario, 112½, outscored Gil Lucban, 112, in the opener.

Galorde Enterprises, promoter.

Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio S. delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.

(02-08-84)

▲MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Former Filipino junior welterweight champ Ruben Rabago, 140, defeated ex-OPBF titlist Rolando Aldemior, 142, 10. Tom Everisto, referee.

Cisco Ferrer, 143½, was awarded a split decision from Willie Makitoki, 145½, 10.

Chito Adigue, 128, won from Jaime Enriquez, 127, 10.

Lito Pena, 134½, TKO'd Donny Soriano, 136½, in the third session of their 10.

Allan Makitoki, 112½, decisioned Dommy Ursua, 113, 10.

Fel Malatag, 121½, fought to a technical draw with Fred Sta. Iglesia, 122, in the ninth round of another scheduled 10.

Nilo Alamag, 131, TKO'd Cielo Angcog, 122½, in the first round of the scheduled 4-round opener.

Jessie Abrea, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.

(02-10-84)

▲MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO—Edwin Inocencio, 109, won a unanimous nod over Elmer Magallano, 109, 10.

Magallano, dropped to the ninth in the junior flyweight class of the GAB, appeared in an IBF *bantamweight* title bout with Japanese Satoshi Shingaki in Japan on April 15.

Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.

(02-10-84)

▲ROXAS CITY—Rudy Palicua, 114, won a unanimous decision from Lito Zarda, also 114, in 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

(02-11-84)

▲BAGUIO CITY—Audy Murphy, 119½, won a technical decision over veteran lefty Ali Formentera, 120, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.

Little Sagan, 126¼, unanimously decisioned Lito Pablo, 127¾, 10.

Jun "Tue" Salvador, 147, won from Romulo Oguimas, 139, eight.

Constancio Dangla, 111½, drew with Joel Advincula, 108, Lino "Boy" Ravanes, 132, TKO'd Perry Tuazon, 134, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Ayson Dangla, 106, decisioned Cesar Salazar, 100. Lando Mesa, 116, TKO'd Benny Chagsan, 118, in the third round. Edgar Estacio, 134, won over Efren Fredo, 134, in the opener.

Dr. Lorenzo Pilando, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.

(02-11-84)

▲METRO MANILA—L & G Gym—Busy campaigner Ernie Cataluna, 121½, scored a unanimous decision over Dommie Circulado, 122, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

Lito Vasquez, 137, won from Jun Bautista, also 137, eight.

Four rounders: Constancio Dangla, 112, decisioned Little Embana, 110. Robert Rape, 125, TKO'd Benjie Resulta, 127, in two. Bert Baco, 113½, stopped Ricky Manio, 114½, in three. Moirby Evasco, 112, barely beat Danny Duran, 110. Ador Balagbagan, 119½, outscored Lando Misa, 113 ½. ARIEL SAMSON, ½?¾¾, decisioned Tacy Macalos, 110, in the opener.

Tomasa Pamilosa, promoter.

Mauro Dizon and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.

(02-17-84)

▲MALABON, METRO MANILA—Amado Cabato, 122, earned a unanimous decision over Cesar Amazan, 123, 10.

Alejandro Suansing, promoter.

(02-18-84)

▲BAGUIO CITY—Former Filipino junior lightweight champ Alberto Duldulao, 133, defeated Ray Tayaban, 13, by a split decision, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Little Balsigan, 132, won from Danny Canada, 130, 10.

Tito Gregorio, 114, impressively knocked out Ramon Chan, 112½, in the 10th and final round.

Roy Negro, 129, TKO'd Johnny Magastino, 131, in the fifth round of an eight.

Jimmy Boy, 114½, won from Ernesto Robiso, 112, eight.

Four rounders: Bernabe Aliping, 123, TKO'd Diego Lebante, 122, in the first round. Rusty Binmancon, 112, won from Gil Lugban, 112. Sammy Baculong, 111, decisioned Lino Boy Felix, 110. Rufen Portugues, 115, stopped Alejandro Yawan, 121, in the second session of the opener.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

Benedicto Ronquillo and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.

(02-18-84)

▲MAILTA, DAVAO DEL SUR—Little Bangoyan, 123, scored a third round kayo over Al Juanio, 124, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Arman Bangoyan, promoter.

(02-19-84)

▲PASIG, METRO MANILA—Marcos Stadium—Juanito Favila, 128, won a unanimous decision over Lito Pablo, 130, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.

Japanese Satsoshi Shingaki, 119½, stopped Rolando Navarro, 120¼, in the third round of a 10.

Fel Aporto, 124, decisioned Sandy Noora, 125, 10.

Roque Gangga, 121, stopped Pablito Mercado, 119½, in the fourth and final round of the opener.

Grego Garcia, promoter.

Virgilio delos Reyes and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.

(02-21-84)

▲OLONGAPO CITY—Ric Zaulda, 127, lost a unanimous decision to Rey Dayanan, 130, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.

Ben Samson, 126, earned a majority duke from Star Dayanan, 126, 10.

Frank Domino, 123, TKO'd Berty Pucay, 124, in the second round of a six.

Bobby Pinos, 118, decisioned Bobby Castillo, 118, six.

Armando Gallo, 125, TKO'd Steve Williams, 126, in the third round in the opener.

Federico Robles, promoter.

Carlos Dizon and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.

(02-23-84)

▲UABAY, BOHOL—Former Filipino champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, 132, won a unanimous decision over Noli Macabos, also 132, 10.

(02-24-84)

▲SAN MARIANO, DAVAO—Robinson Cabusao, 112, was awarded a majority nod over Bert Diapana, also 112, 10.

Almario Eusebio, promoter.

(02-25-84)

▲LAPU-LAPU CITY—Ernie Sanico, 122, fought to a split draw with Mario Batister, also 122, 10.

Benjie Miole, 113, drew with Romeo San Juan, 114, 10.

Roberto Edillo, promoter.

(02-25-84)

▲CLARK AIR BASE—Romy Cunanan, 133, earned a unanimous decision over Fred Basa, 132, 10.

Antonio Esquerra, promoter.

(02-27-84)

▲PARANAQUE—Rene Busayong, 112, annexed the Filipino flyweight throne by taking a unanimous decision from defending champ Ric Barimbad, also 112, 12. Larry Nadayag, referee.

Polly Barce, 124¾, TKO'd Boy Abuela, 124¾, at 2:14 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10.

Jun Tito, 119½, outscored Billy Magno, 121½, eight.

Flash Grande, 111, won a split nod from Gene Morados, 112, six.

Constancio Dangle, 112, outscored Rodel Asehan, 110½, six.

Four rounders: Rolando Bohol, 109, stopped Ely Tahucol, 110, at 1:16 of the first round. Allan Sese, 107, halted Rio Asero, 108, at

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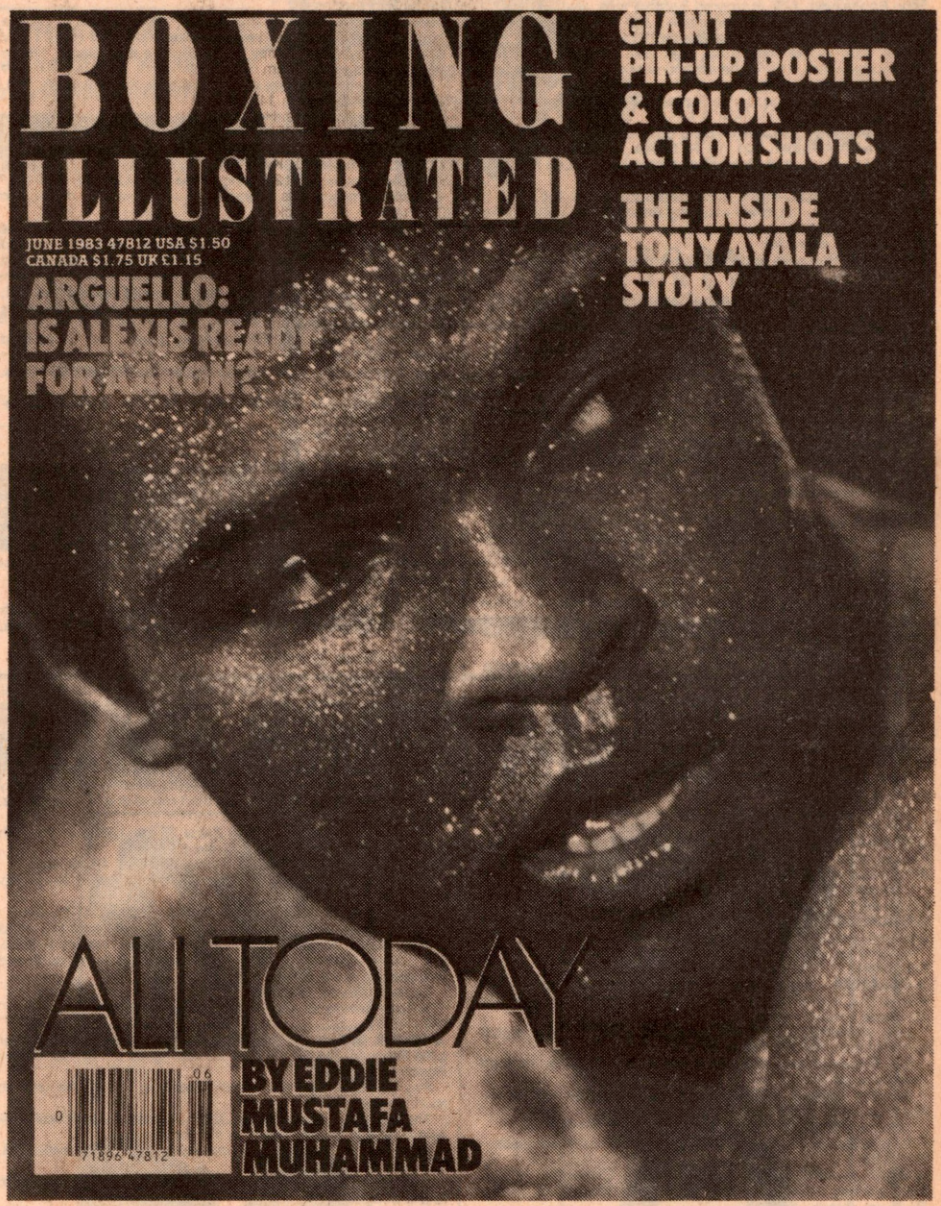

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1:41 of the final session in the opener.
Galorde Enterprises, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio S. delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(02-29-84)

▲**ABATAN BOGUIAS, BENGUET**—Rudy Palicua, the GAB's fifth ranked flyweight at 111, decisioned Henry Balina, 112, 10. Oscar Reyes, promoter.
Pio Bangsayao, 120, outscored Bobby Pinos, also 120, six.
Four rounders: Danny Nguaban, 120, won from Eddie Sorgania, also 120. Bonnie Bangsayao, 114, TKO'd Ruben Pottuguez, 114, in the first round. Alex dela Flor, 109, stopped Johnny Cabanero, 110, in the second session of the opener.
Feliberto Jardenil, promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(03-01-84)

▲**LOS BANOS, LAGUNA**—Bert Gomez, 121, unanimously decisioned Boy Ruben, 121, 10. N. Olivetti, referee.
Domy Ursua, Jr., 116, fought to a split draw with Lou Marabe, 114, eight.
Carlos Costigador, 118½, outscored Bon Hermo, 118, six.
Mario Gadiane, 121, drew with Ador Balagbagan, 118½, in the four-round opener.
Jose Paner, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Vedaztro Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(03-03-84)

▲**URDANETA, PANGASINAN**—Flash Emmanuel, the GAB's number seven bantie at 121, outpointed Abel Magracia, 120, by a unanimous nod, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
Tito Gregorio, 112, TKo'd Lito Zarda, 113, at 2:05 of the eighth round in the 10-round opener.
There were no preliminaries.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio S. delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(03-04-84)

▲**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, the GAB's fourth ranked flyweight at 114, scored a unanimous decision from Robinson Cabusao, also 114, 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(03-04-84)

▲**OZAMIS CITY**—Roger Pilapil, 111, eked out a majority decision from Neri Saz, 110, in 10. Eldie Paradero, 116, won a majority verdict over Ver Libradilla, 115, in 10. Deogracias Mentealto, promoter.
(03-04-84)

▲**CEBU CITY—Cebu City Gymnasium**—Filipino junior welterweight champ Ruben Rabago, 139¾, gained a unanimous decision from Flash Romeo, the GAB's third ranked contender at 140, to retain his crown in his first defense, 12.
Celso Areglo, the GAB's number three bantie at 119, scored a ninth round TKO over Poker Pelegrino, 116, in the semi-final 10.
Fel Malatag, 123, was awarded a technical decision over Lito Cortez, 124, in the sixth round of their 10.
Rudy Rolis, 131, drew with Deo Rabago, 135, 10.
Mac Espanola, 122, eked out a majority verdict over Tom Ramos, also 122, 10.
Flash Ursus, 125, TKO'd Jessim Garrson, 126, in the third round in the first 10.
Juanito Tao, promoter.
(03-04-84)

▲**BANGA, SOUTH COTABATO**—Edwin Inocencio, the top Filipino junior flyweight contender at 107, impressively stopped William Jun Jiminez, 110, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(03-06-84)

▲**MACABEBE, PAMPANGA**—Romy Cunanan, 131¾, won a unanimous decision from Albert Saxon, 132, 10.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
(03-07-84)

▲**CALAMBA, LAGUNA—Calamba Sports Complex**—Tito Abella, 112, took a majority decision from Nick Dalisay, 109½, in 10. Oscar Olivetti, referee.
Lulu Villaverde, 124, TKO'd Al Llanita, 124½, in the eighth round of their 10.
Boy Blanca, 116½, stopped Bon Mermo, 119¼, in the third canto of a six.
Dondon Trumata, 135, halted Anthony Lagbo, 135, in the fourth and final session in the opener.
Salome Tolosa BHO, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Vedasto C. Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(03-10-84)

▲**MANILA—PRC Sta. Ana.**—Dommy Circulado, 122½, defeated Rey Arcita, 120, by a unanimous decision 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
John Matienza, 123, won from Boy Negro, 124, eight.
Four rounders: Felipe Brazil, 106, eked out a split nod from Boni Veri, 106. Ariel Samson, 108, won from Muhammad Raffi, 105½. Danny Duran, 108, stopped Rene Mahinay, 108, in the third round. Leo Mapili, 111, outscored Moirby Evasco, 111½, in the opener.
Cesar Natividad, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(03-13-84)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Edel Gernonimo, Filipino top flyweight contender at 111½, gained a unanimous decision over Wick Tengam, 113½, 10. Oscar Reyes, referee.
Romeo Santos, 122, was held to a technical draw with Flash Emmanuel, 123, in the second round of their scheduled 10.
Ben Samson, 123, outscored Juanito Favila, 123, 10.
Manasseh Base, a veteran flyweight at 112, returned to the ring and stopped Efren Santilan, 112½, in the eighth session in the 10-round opener.
There were no preliminaries.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(03-16-84)

▲**LAGUNA—Sta. Rosa Coliseum**—Sugar Rey Roland, the GAB's seventh ranked lightie at 140, was awarded a majority decision over Joe Lim, 139½, 10. Nestor Olivetti, referee.
Chito Adigue, 126½, won from Jaime Enriquez, 126, 10.
Frank Domino, 124½, decisioned Robert Rafe, 125½, six.
Edgar dela Rosa, 135, outpointed Dondon Trumata, 135½, in the four-round opener.
Salome Tolosa BHO, promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Vedasto C. Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(03-17-84)

▲**LEPANTO MANGKAYAN, BENGUET**—Fel Salvador, 130, outpointed Cesar Guiterrez, 132, by a unanimous decision, 10. Onofre Perez, referee.
Little Puncher (this's his ring name), 126,disposed of Charlie Carola, 127, in the second round of their 10.
Constancio Dangla, 117½, halted Bonnie Bangsayao, 116, in the second round of a six.
Pio Bangsayo, 116, took a split duke over Joel Advincula, 114, in the six-round opener.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
Virgilio delos Reyes and Leonardo Trinidad, GAB witnesses.
(03-17-84)

▲**OPOL, MISAMIS ORIENTAL**—Jun Arbas, 122, scored a unanimous decision over Rodrigo Dino, also 122, 10.
Antonio Almirante, Sr., promoter.
(03-17-84)

▲**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Sul Inting, 125½, defended his Filipino featherweight crown by a draw with ex-champ Ronald Sumalis, 125, 10. This was first defense since he won the title last November.
Ruben dela Cruz, the GAB's fourth ranked flyweight at 114, displayed his strength and stopped George Yson, also 114, in the fifth round of their 10.
Loremer Pontino, 112, TKO'd Mailky Javien, 110, in the third round of another 10.
Ric Saulda, 126, unanimously decisioned Rogelio Paciones, also 126, 10.
Flash Rockman and Kid Baguer, Jr., both 120, battled to a majority draw in the first 10.
Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.
(03-17-84)

▲**MALAYBALAY, BUKIDNON**—Cris Ladera, 137, scored a sixth round TKO over Speed Collidge, 140, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Ponciano Jimenez, promoter.
(03-18-84)

▲**IPIL ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Bell Torino, 127, won a unanimous decision from Del Contado, 130, 10.
Prisco Taguran, promoter.
(03-18-84)

▲**DAVAO DEL SUR—Sta. Maria**—Ali Granada, the GAB's fifth ranked bantie at 118, unanimously decisioned Cesar Layosa, 120, 10.
Teofilo Perfote, promoter.
(03-20-84)

▲**TOLEDO CITY**—Rudy Patalinghug, the GAB's eighth ranked featherweight at 126, scored a TKO over Allan Baylon, 125, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Rey Salud, promoter.
(03-21-84)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Dionisio Castillo, the GAB's number seven junior welterweight at 140, impressively TKO'd Eddie Cejas, 137½, in the third round of a 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Jojo Cayson, 125½, kayoed Zaldy Ovillo, 126½, in the 10th and final session. V. Deocariza, referee.
Boy Casalles, 121, won from Rocky Alapitan, 120¾, six.
Boy Blanca, 116½, stopped Young Argabda, 119½, in the second session of a six.
Joseph Ladipe, 112½, won over Steve Gabriel, 112½, six.
Four rounders: Louie Gonzales, 109½, outpointed Fred Sulong, 109½. Rolando Bohol, 110, decisioned Moirby Evasco, 110. Galoy Angeles, 112, TKO'd Allan Sese, 108, in the fourth and final session of the opener.
Laura S. Elorde, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(03-21-84)

▲**BAGUIL CITY**—Jun Bautista, 134, took an upset decision over Little Balsigan, the GAB's third ranked lightie at 131, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
Rey Tayaban, 135, TKO'd Noli Macabos, 133, in the seventh round in their 10.
The first 10 saw Andy Saxon, 129½, awarded a technical decision over Boy Negro, 126½, in the second round.
Allan Ali, 114, fought to a technical draw with Lou Marabe, 113, in eight.
Joel Advicula, 111, stopped Bert Chan, 109½, in the fourth round of a six.
Four rounders: Sammy Baculong, 112½, drew with Tacy Macalos, 104. Rusky Binmangon, 113, also drew with Bert Baco, 113, in the opener.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(03-24-84)

▲**TIAONG, QUEZON**—Rudy Palicua, Filipino number six flyweight at 114, earned a majority decision from Armando Barzuela, 114½, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Johnny Gallardo, 116, stopped Ali Formentera, a lefty veteran at 120, in the fifth round of a 10.
Rod Mollen, 123, won from Little Freddie, 123, eight.
Bobby Castillo, 119, decisioned Bobby Pinos, 119½, six.
Four rounders: Edgar Estacio, 129, won from Joseph Tagubader, 128. Bong de Jesus, 110, fought to a draw with Lino Boy Felix, 112. Gil Lucban, 118, stopped Eddie Borgania, 118, in the second round in the opener.
Feliberto Jardenil, promoter (he promoted two cards at different places on the same day).
Carlos Roman and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(03-24-84)

▲**TITAY, XAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Lulu Villaverde, the Filipino number seven featherweight at 128, scored a fifth round TKO over Manny Sacay, also 128, in a scheduled 10.
Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(03-25-84)

▲**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—After OPBF bantamweight kingpin Eijiro Murata, Japan, hung up his gloves for good, an eliminator took place to decide a new champion.
Neptali Alamag, a 31-year-old veteran at 118, dropped Japanese champ Mitsuo Imazato, 117½, twice in the second round, and landed a strong right cross to score a fine TKO victory at 0:32 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12-rounder. Korean referee Jae-Kwon Kim declared a halt when Alamag's lethal blow off the loser's face and Imazato turned to his corner. It was more onesided than expected.
Alamag had relinquished his Filipino title prior to entering this eliminator. He improved his log to 40-4-4 with eight kayoes. Imazato, piloted by Fighting Harada, fell to 16-7 with eight knockouts.
In the semi-final 10, Ernie Cataluna, 118, seized the vacant Filipino bantamweight throne by scoring a TKO over Ernie Mata, the top contender at 116½, at 2:37 of the eighth round. The 23-year-old Ernie had come to Japan as a sparring partner for WBA junior bantam champ Jiro Watanabe.
In the first 10, Allan Makitoki, 112½, took a split decision from Bert Gomez, 116.
Jessie Abrea, promoter.
(03-30-84)

▲**MALABON, METRO MANILA**—Amy Pacana, the Filipino third ranked lightie at 135, was TKO'd by Bert Lozano, also 135, in the sixth round of a 10.
Sugar Rey Rolando, 136, eked out a majority decision from Lerenxo Nabuab, 136, 10.
Nick Dalisay, 107½, took a unanimous decision over Cecilio Tutor, 108, in the first 10.
Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
(03-31-84)

▲**MABALACAT, PAMPANGA**—Young dela Cruz, 143, retained his Filipino welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Fred Galang, 144¾, 12.
Rommy Cunanan, the GAB's fifth ranked lightie at 133½, fought to a fourth round technical draw with Albert Saxon, 134, in a scheduled 10.
Arsenio Perez, Jr., 111, eked out a split decision from Romy Austria, 113, 10.
Eddie Camero, 132, unanimously decisioned Fred Basa, 132, in the first 10.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
(03-31-84)

▲**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Roger Saligumba, 110, suffered a technical knockout at the hand of Ed Adame, also 110, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(03-31-84)

▲**HAGONUY, BULACAN**—Abel Magracia, 120, scored a unanimous decision over Rene Brugada, 120, 10. O. Perez, referee.
Capino Jr., 114, unanimously decisioned Joveno Bello, 114, in the six-round opener.
No other bouts.
Eoifanio Catabas, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(03-31-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Namkao Satiragym, the TBC's fifth ranked junior flyweight at 110, easily knocked out Sugnoi Sithkempetch, the umber nine mini flyweight at 109, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(03-27-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasith Meeprasert, 115, showed his talents and took a unanimous decision from ex-Thai junior flyweight champ Srithanya Sithsaneh, 114, six.
(03-30-84)

▲**SAMPONG**—Elly Pical, Indonesian junior bantamweight champ at 111¾, exploded a wicked left and sank Prayoonsak Muangsurin, 116½, in the first round of a scheduled 10.
Prayoonsak entered in his first bout since he was kayoed by Joo-Do Chun in the IBF junior bantamweight title bout in Korea.
(03-30-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai flyweight champ Nongberd Naphataya, 114, lost a unanimous decision to Chalow Muangsurin, 114, in eight non-title rounds. Nongberd will defend his national crown against Chalow next month.
(03-31-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kairung Sithpayak, 104, became the first Thai mini flyweight champion as he defeated Phajornphai Monsaichol, 104, by a unanimous decision, 10. Kairung is now 7-2 with four kayoes.
(04-02-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Patt Ohyuthanakorn, the TBC's sixth ranked mini flyweight at 108, lost an upset decision to old soldier Thaksin Muangsurin, 105, six.
(04-03-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chokchai Chorchang, Thai number four mini flyweight at 110, suffered an unexpected kayo by Srinarong Sithseemok, 110, in the second round of a six. Chokchai dropped the underdog for the count of nine, but he hit the deck twice and for the count in the next session. The betting odds were reportedly 20-1.
(04-04-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downthong Chuvatana, Thai lightweight champion at 138, scored a third round knockout over ex-champ Changtone Singthanongsak, 137, in a scheduled eight. Downthong is 23-7 with 19 kayoes.
(04-05-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Suriya Pratumvadee, the TBC's fourth ranked junior flyweight at 138, easily kayoed Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, a busy campaigner at 115, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.

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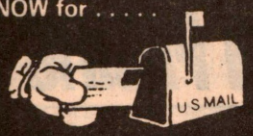

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(04-06-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Patchavihan, Lumpinee's junior featherweight champ at 128, took an easy unanimous decision from Sansak Osodsapha, 128, six.
(04-07-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In another card, at night on the same day, Sakdisamuth Singsamuang, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender at 110, made short work of Pudpad Sithchula, 108, stopping him in the first round of a scheduled six.
(04-07-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight champ Thongtep Petsriracha, 108, lost an upset decision to Suriyanoi Somtangjuijubl, the TBC's top mini flyweight contender at 106, in six non-title rounds.
(04-10-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the TBC's second ranked contender, dropped an upset decision to less experienced Daoroch Rojanaseree, 120, in six.
(04-11-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sankumpang Bunthavee, the TBC's second ranked flyweight at 113, polished off Chuchai Sith P.B., 112, in the first round of a scheduled six.

This was Sankumpang's first showing since he was kayoed by Filipino Wick Tengam last February.
(04-14-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Porntip H. Mahachai, 110, demolished Kaopangnoi Sor Thaveesup, 110, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(04-16-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, the TBC's number four bantie at 115, scored an easy kayo of Yodpayak Singsongphol, 118, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Sombutryod is now to 10-1-1 with seven kayoes.
(04-17-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior lightweight champ Sak Galaxy, 130, kept his title by stopping Aisu Chorcharernkit, also 130, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Former *Muay Thai* (kick boxing) fighter Aisu is now 4-1.
(04-18-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downoi Sithsanae, the TBC's third ranked junior bantie at 120, eked out a split nod over Sajjanoi Sithphoboonyen, 118, in six.
(04-19-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Samart Payakaroon, 124, floored Filipino Juanito Favila, 122, and won a unanimous decision, 10.

Samart, now 2-0, had made his pro debut by decisioning ex-WBC light flyweight champ Netrnoi Vorasingh.
(04-24-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai top junior bantamweight contender Charlongchai Singcaltex, 117, was awarded a TKO victory, as his tough opponent, Downroj Rojanaseree, 118, was bleeding too badly to continue in the fourth round of a scheduled six. Downroj was ahead on points.
(04-26-84)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dangnau Kiat R. D., 122, ran his unbeaten log to 8-0 with four kayoes by stopping Pornmeechai Roppongparsert, 121, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(04-28-84)

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INDONESIA

▲**MALANG INDONESIE**—Monod, Indonesian junior featherweight champion at 124½, defeated Thai Santi Donjadee, 126½, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Indonesian lightweight kingpin Johannes M. Siren, 134¼, retained his crown by stopping Leo Erson, 131¾, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Indonesian flyweight titlist Tubagus Jaya, 115½, was knocked out by Wongso Indradjut, also 115½, in the third round of a non-title ten. Tubagus is also the Indonesian Boxing Commission's top ranked junior bantie.
(03-25-84)

▲**JAHARTA**—The OPBF lightweight champ Juhari, 132¾, kept his title with a split draw against Australian Barry Michael, 134¾, 12.

Indonesian flyweight champ Munadi, 110, lost a unanimous decision to Nixon Gabriel, 111, to forfeit his national crown, ten.

Thomas Americo, Indonesian junior welterweight champ at 137½, dropped a unanimous verdict to Australian Rocky Pirrotina, 139¼, 10.

Indonesian junior middleweight champ Albert Bapaimo, 152, impressively knocked out Guy Parker, an Australian at 148½, in the second round of a 10.

Hendrik Salmon, the IBC's second ranked junior middleweight at 150¾, scored a TKO win over Ervan, 146½, in the eighth round of the first ten.
(04-14-84)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▲**BONDI—Hakoah Soccer Club**—Ken Salisbury, 159, knocked out Jimmy Greco, 157, with a left hook in the 10th and final round. Mick Dunningham, referee.

Greg Badman, 144, and Billy Ray, 147, drew, six.

Danny Shane, 133, outscored Muhammad Ali, also 133, six.

Robbie Hitchenson, 169, outpointed Tony Porrata, 168, six.
(03-16-84)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Russell Sands, 148¾, won the New South Wales State junior middleweight crown by stopping the defending champion, Kelly Thompson, 152½, in round three of a scheduled 10. Billy Males, referee.

Kirk Blair, 137, outpointed Alan Clarke, 139½, eight.

Darwin North, 148¼, outscored Eric King, 152, six.

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Lachie Williams, 140½, outpointed Danny Shane, 133, four.
Tom Mercuri, 134¾, outscored Mario Safulli, 123¾, four.
(03-21-84)

▲**DOYALSON—Doyalson-Wyee R.S.L. Club**—Peter Batty, 140, won a close decision over Willie Tarika, also 140, 10.
Roger Henry, 134½, halted Brad Fredrics, 138¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.
Paul Donnelly, 176¼, and Richard Wright, 177½, drew, three.
Steve McQuade—Mick Bennetto.
(03-23-84)

▲**GRIFFITH—Transport Shed**—Former Australian and Commonwealth junior welterweight champion Jeff Malcolm, 139½, won an easy decision over Cisco Ferrer, 137, Philippines, 10. Billy Males, referee.
Lachie Williams, 140¾, kayoed Laurie Lauriano, 142½, in the second round of a scheduled eight. John Cauchi, referee.
Three-rounders: Paul Donnelly, 187½, outpointed Tony Porrata, 184. Ray Wheatley, 216, outscored Richard Wright, 187¼. Jimmy Henry, 147¾, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 138¾.
(03-24-84)

▲**CASTLE HILL—R.S.L. Club**—Fijian Fulu Atti, 188¼, won the New South Wales State cruiser title by outpointing defending champion Garry Hubble, 183¾, 10. Billy Males, referee.
Steve Bell, 113½, knocked out Ducky Dennis, 122¼, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Former NSW State welter champion Jaime Lewis, 150½, outscored Al Hallett, 151¾, eight.
Glenn Hillier, 140½, outscored Keith Ball, 139¾, six.
Peter Sierota, 138¼, stopped Tom Mercuri, 135¾, in the third round of a scheduled four.
Ray Grech, 153, outpointed Steve King, 146¾, three.
(03-28-84)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Former national amateur champion Pat Hailwood, 162, outpointed Roy Alexander, 166¾, 10. Alf Weymark, referee.
Geoff Peate, 191, outscored Daniel Saylor, 193, in a 10-round war that drew a shower of $140. John Thompson, referee.
Former Australian junior middleweight champion John Layton, 187, stopped Mick Ambrose, 168, in the fourth round of another scheduled 10. John Thompson, referee.
Ron Jeffs, 142, outpointed Dave Bell, 150, six.
(03-30-84)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Australian flyweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 115¾, won a unanimous decision over the aggressive Bobby Williams, 116½, 10. Paul Moore, referee. Ray Mitchell and Tony Rok, judges.
Killer Kearney, 148½, knocked out the veteran Eric King, 151, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Bobby Mastro, 135¾, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 129¼, eight.
Nooky Curyer, 161¼, and Colin Carr, 157¾, drew, three.
(04-06-84)

▲**YOUNG—Services & Citizens Club**—Kirk Blair, 135½, and Alan Clarke, 137¾, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in the second round due to an accidental clash of heads. Billy Males, referee.
Lachie Williams, 139, kayoed Young Walker, also 139, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight. John Cauchi, referee.
Bruce Crowe, 143¼, stopped Lou Williams, 136¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Four-rounders: Robert Hall, 181¾, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 175¼. Smiler Antonejevic, 170¾, outscored Buddy Dodge, 165¼. Mike McKechnie, 164¼, outpointed Don Pulleine, 156½.
(04-07-84)

▲**SEVEN HILLS**—Former Australian junior lightweight champion Dennis Talbot, 133¾, retained his NSW State lightweight title with a solid points win over Brett Young, 132½, 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Ray Ryan, 161½, a real thumper, climbed off the canvas to kayo Roy Alexander, 162, in the first round of a scheduled eight. John Brancato, referee.
Lachie Williams, 138½, stopped Steve Cox, 134¼, in the second round of a scheduled six.
John Pigott, 151¾, outpointed Kahu Lydon, 161, six.
Brad O'Toole, 128¾, stopped Kelvin Morrison, 130, in the third and final session.
(04-11-84)

▲**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Mark Cribb, 124¼, won a split decision over Tumat Sogolik, 124, Papua New Guinea, 10. Billy Males, referee.
Lachie Williams, 137¾, outpointed Glenn Hillier, 141, eight.
Roy Alexander, 163¼, outscored Kahu Lydon, 161, six.
Peter Sierota, 141½, stopped Jimmy Henry, 140¾, in the third round of a scheduled four.
Harlweel Para, 135, and Miguel Pimentel, 144¾, drew, four.
(04-18-84)

▲**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Australian junior middleweight champion Ken Salisbury, 158¾, outpointed Benny Tabua, 161, 10. Referee Mick Dunningham had the champ two points ahead. A rugged fight that drew a shower from ringsiders.
Greg Badman, 143¼, halted Fijian Billy Ray, 147¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight.
Mark Dempsey, 150, outpointed Jim Lagudi, 145½, four.
Kahu Lydon, 158¾, outscored Noddy Gilchrist, 152¼, four.
(04-20-84)

▲**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Wally Carr, 174, won the vacant Australian light heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Tom West, 172, 12. Scoring: referee Billy Males, 118-117; judge Trevor Christian, 115-114; judge Don Marks, 117-114. The title had been vacant since the retirement of Tony Mundine on March 29.
Fulu Atti, 187½, Fiji, stopped Geoff Peate, 196, at the end of seven via a cut eye. Peate had been down in the sixth. The scheduled 10 received a shower of coins from ringsiders.
Darwin North, 150, outscored Kahu Lydon, 163, eight.
Brad Fredrics, 143¼, stopped Steve Polson, 146, in the fourth and final session.
(04-27-84)

▲**LITHGOW—Workers Club**—Gary Williams, 130, a southpaw, won undisputed possession of the New South Wales State junior lightweight title by outpointing fellow claimant Brett Young, also 130, 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Alan Clarke, 140, outpointed Keith Ball, 137, eight.
Kahu Lydon, 161, outscored Don Pulleien, 158¾, six.
(04-29-84)

▲**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Pat Leglise, 141, outpointed Willie Tarika, 143¼, 10. Ray Mitchell, referee.
Steve McQuade, 172, halted John Bogolin, 165¾, on a cut eye in the second round of a scheduled six.
John Maletino, 140¾, and John Lagudi, 140¾, drew, five.
Paul Cummings, 141½, stopped Martin Brown, 138½, in the first round of a scheduled four.
(05-04-84)

▲**DOYALSON—Doyalson-Wyee R.S.L. Club**—Peter Batty, 142½, outscored Gary Rosen, 140, 10. Johnny Wright, referee.
Greg Badman, 141, kayoed Laurie Lauriano, 140, in the first round of a scheduled eight.
Danny Shane, 134½, outpointed Miguel Pimentel, 145½, six.
Ray Wheatley, 212¾, outscored Richard Wright, 180¾, four.
Bobby Wallace, 125¾, stopped Jim Henry, 140, in the third round of their scheduled four-rounder on an injury.
(05-04-84)

▲**SEVEN HILLS—Toongabbie R.S.L. Club**—Up-and-coming Roy Alexander, 170¾, outpointed Greg Crowe, 169¾, 10. John Brancato, referee.
Eden Tugrul, 143, stopped Bruce Crowe (Greg's brother), 143¼, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Rocky Warren, 138½, outscored Brad Fredrics, 140¾, six.
Danny Shane, 131½, outpointed Jim Henry, 138¾, four.
Paul Donnelly, 175¾, outscored Richard Wright, 180, three.
(05-09-84)

QUEENSLAND

▲**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Doug Sam, 157¾, won a unanimous decision over Fred Taufua, 157, New Zealand, 10. Alan Moore, non-scoring referee. John Bailey, Ed Francis, and Col Kanofski, judges.
Emmanuel Otti, 162½, Uganda, won a split decision over Tom West, 171½, Queensland, 10. Denzil Creed, referee.
Mark Janssen, 146½ (younger brother of Australian junior welterweight champion Brian), halted John Siriotis, 151, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10. Denzil Creed, referee. Siriotis was down twice.
Former Australian amateur champion Dale Artango, 144½, made his pro debut by knocking out Ronald doo, 139½, in the second round of a scheduled eight. alan Moore, referee.
(03-19-84)

▲**MANSFIELD—Mansfield Tavern**—Mark Janssen, 146, won a unanimous decision over Peter Batty, 144½, New South Wales, 10. Denzil Creed, referee. Batty was down in rounds six and 10.
Brendan Dempsey, 154, outpointed Guy Parker, 146, eight.
Kevin Wagstaff, 176, outscored Tuna Wilson, 185, four.
Cyclone George, 152, stopped Nick Paul, 146, in the second round of their scheduled four.
(04-02-84)

▲**MT. ISA**—Alan Wehman, 145½, outscored Ray Anderson, 155½, eight.
(04-07-84)

▲**BRISBANE—City Hall**—This was the first boxing program ever held at this venue.
Pat Leglise, 138½, stopped Rex Cannon, 131¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Des Crabbe, referee.
Willie Tarika, 140¾, and Dave Bellis, 141½, drew, 10. Former Australian lightweight and welterweight champion Jeff White was the referee and sole judge. A good fight.
Ken Richards, 125¼, knocked out Sparrow Freeman, 130½, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10. Des Crabbe, referee.
Tilta Halpin, 143¼, outpointed Peter Foster, 145½, six.
John Fooks, 130, outscored John Kemp, 125½, six.
Cyclone George, 138¾, halted Lucky Campbell, 141, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(04-11-84)

▲**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Doug Sam, 160½, knocked out Indonesian Suwarno, 162, with one punch in 0:53 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Alan Moore, referee.
Emmanuel Otti, 166, Uganda, halted Johnny Taupau, 178, who came here from New Zealand, in round seven of their scheduled 10. Denzil Creed, referee. Otti has been in this country long enough to qualify for a shot at an Australian title.
Former Australian champion Dale Artango, 140¾, scored a solid 10-round points win over New Zealand champ Musa Sione, 135½. Alan Moore, referee.
Gary Williams, 138, outpointed former amateur champion Norm Stevens, 135, 10. Denzil Creed, referee.
John Laycock, 126, outscored Brad Finn, 130, six.
(04-16-84)

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WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

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"Bonecrusher" Smith KO 10 Frank Bruno
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Rocky Sekorski W 10 Al Houck
Pisa Finai KO 1 Stan Butler
Jesse Ferguson KO 8 Robert Hill

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Anthony Davis W 12 Jesse Burnett
(For NABF Title)
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Slobodan Kacar KO 4 Chris Lawler
Bobby Jennings W 8 Tony Curovic
Steve Traitz KO 1 Trent Sarrett
Stanley Ross KO 3 Roddy MacDonald

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
John Mugabi KO 2 Vampire Johnson
Alex Ramos D 10 John Collins
Bobby Czyz W 10 Mark Frazier
Billy Robertson W 10 Odell Hadley
Kevin Moley KO 6 Muhammad Shabazz
Sanderline Williams W 10 Terry Holmes
Charles Carter W 10 Nick Walker
Alberto Gonzalez KO 3 Randy Clark
Mark McPherson D 8 Fred Boynton
Marvin Mack KO 10 Vernon Reed
Doug Mallett KO 3 Anthony Crudup
Robert Pew W 8 Danny Blake
Crandel King KO 1 Gary Cripe
Lindell Holmes KO 6 Leroy Hester

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Jimmy Cable KO 11 Said Skouma
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Ernest Jackson KO 5 Danny Chapman
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Robert Hines KO 2 Dennis Fain
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Doug Davis KO 3 Chris Bajor
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Gene Hatcher KO 11 Johnny Bumphus
(Won WBA Title)
Howard Davis Jr. KO 2 Darrell Stovall
Tony Baltazar KO 2 Lupe Rocha
Joe Manley W 10 Terry Whitaker
Buddy McGirt KO 10 Pete Padilla
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Walter Sims KO 6 Fili Ramirez
Livingstone Bramble KO 14 Ray Mancini
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Rene Weller W 12 Daniel Londas
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
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Hector Frazier KO 1 Steven Guess
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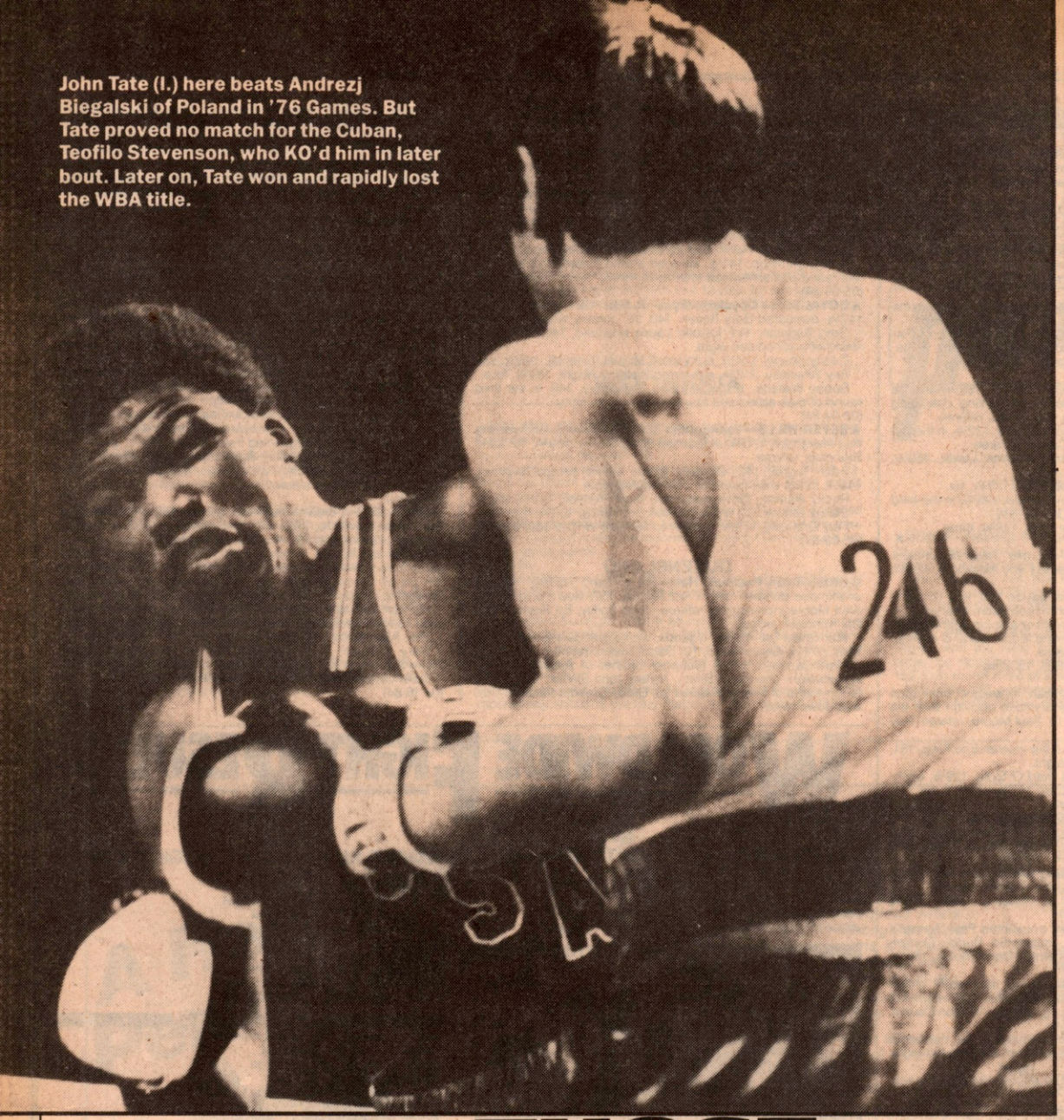

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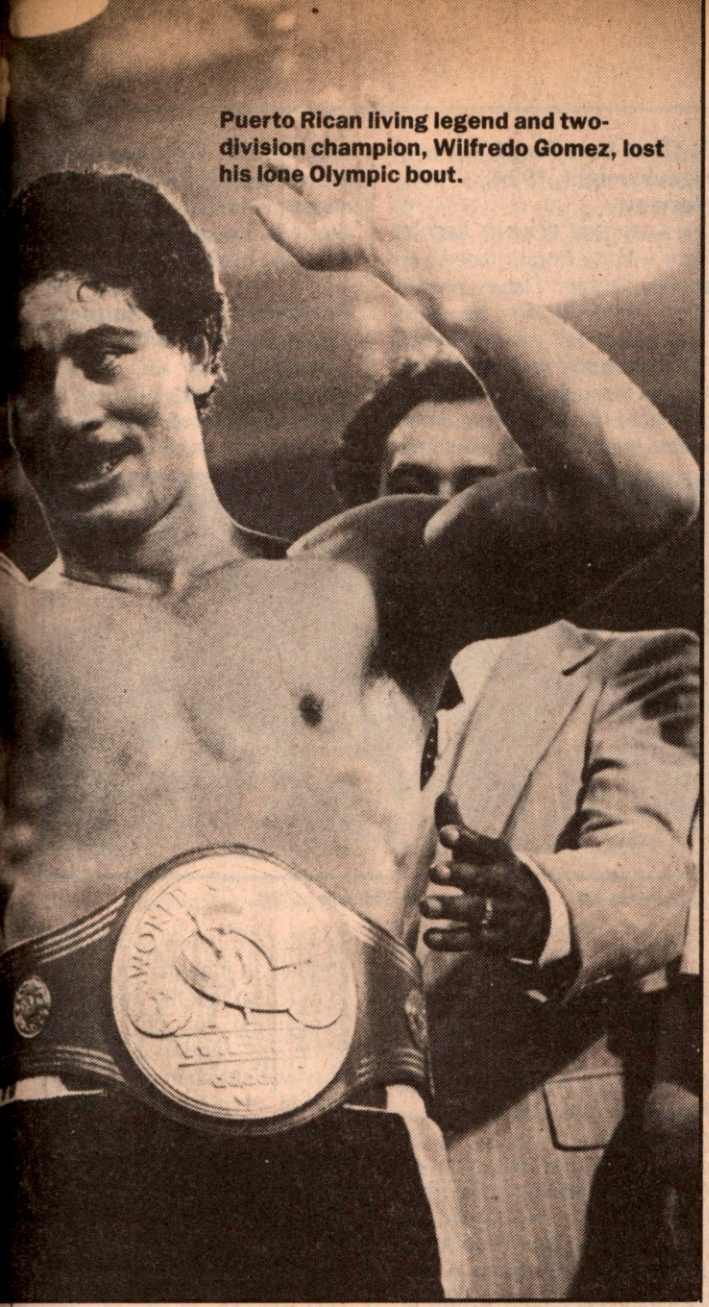

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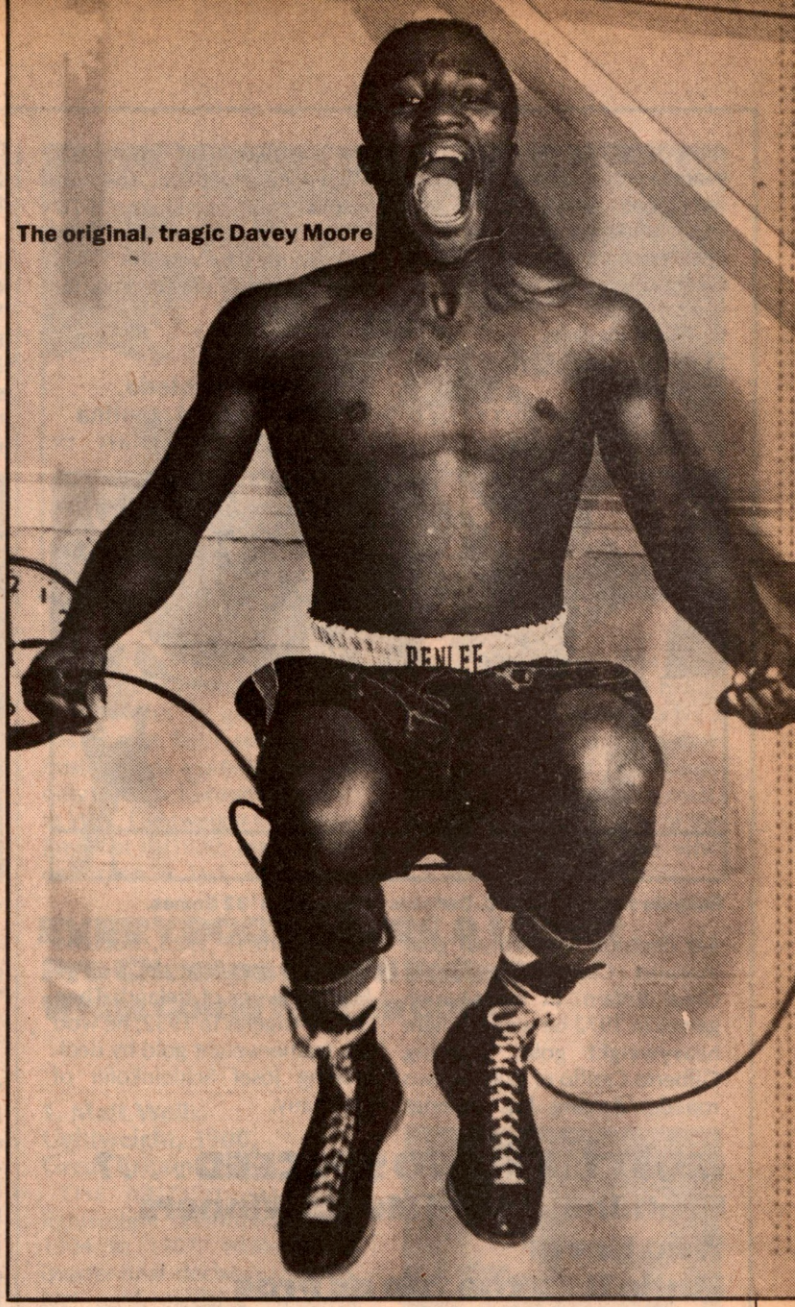

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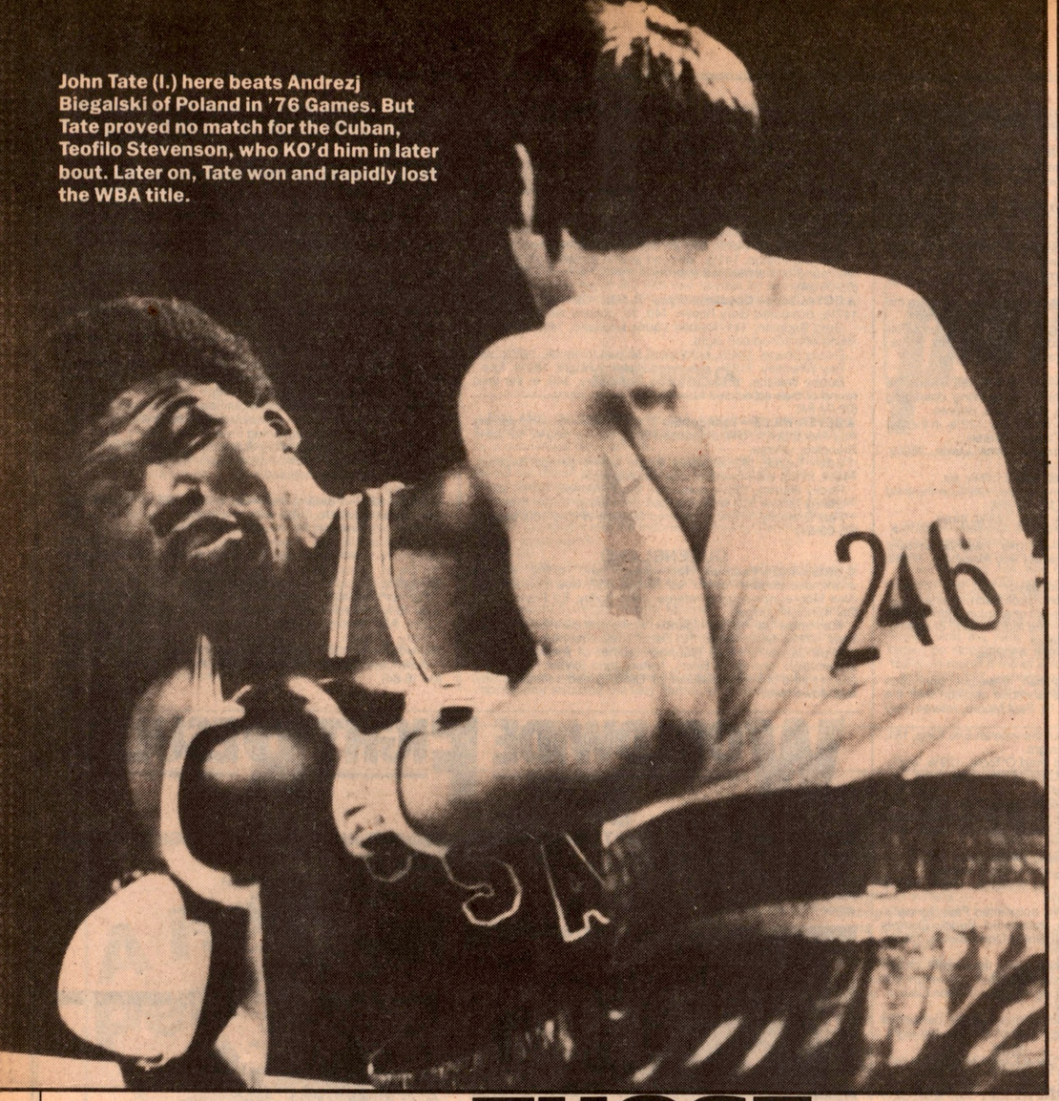

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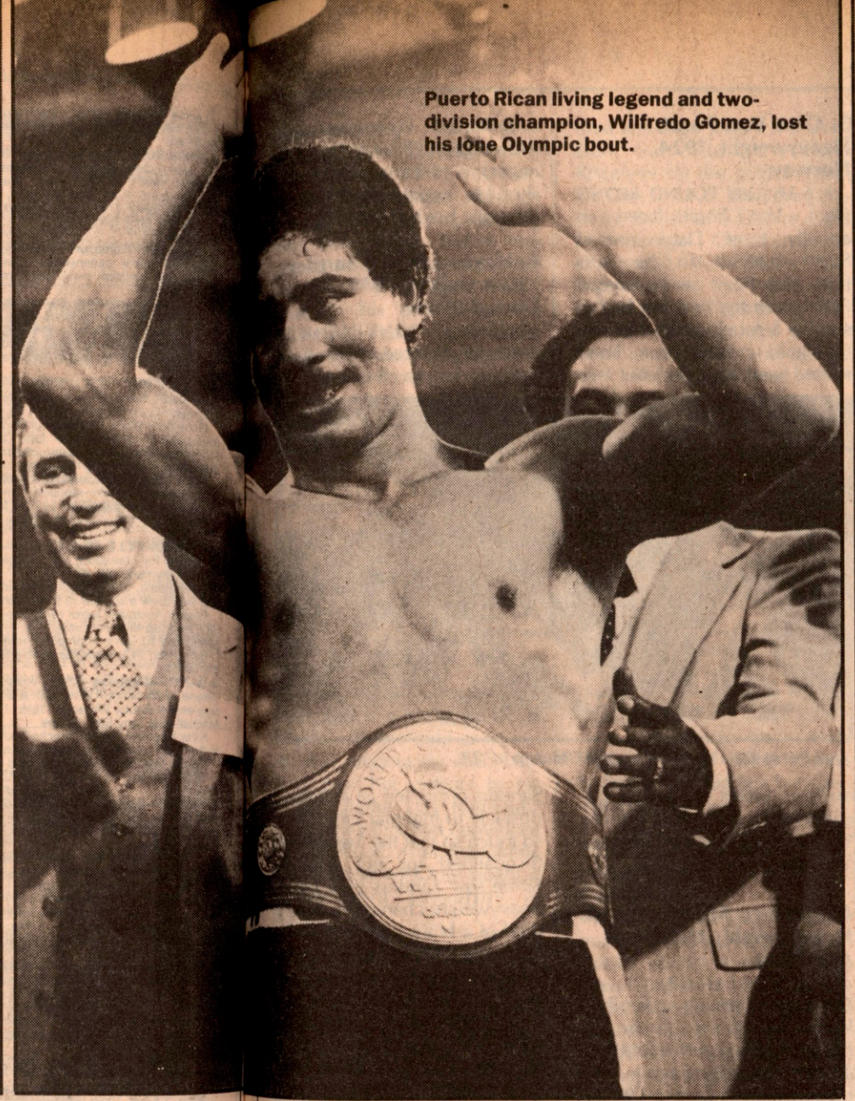

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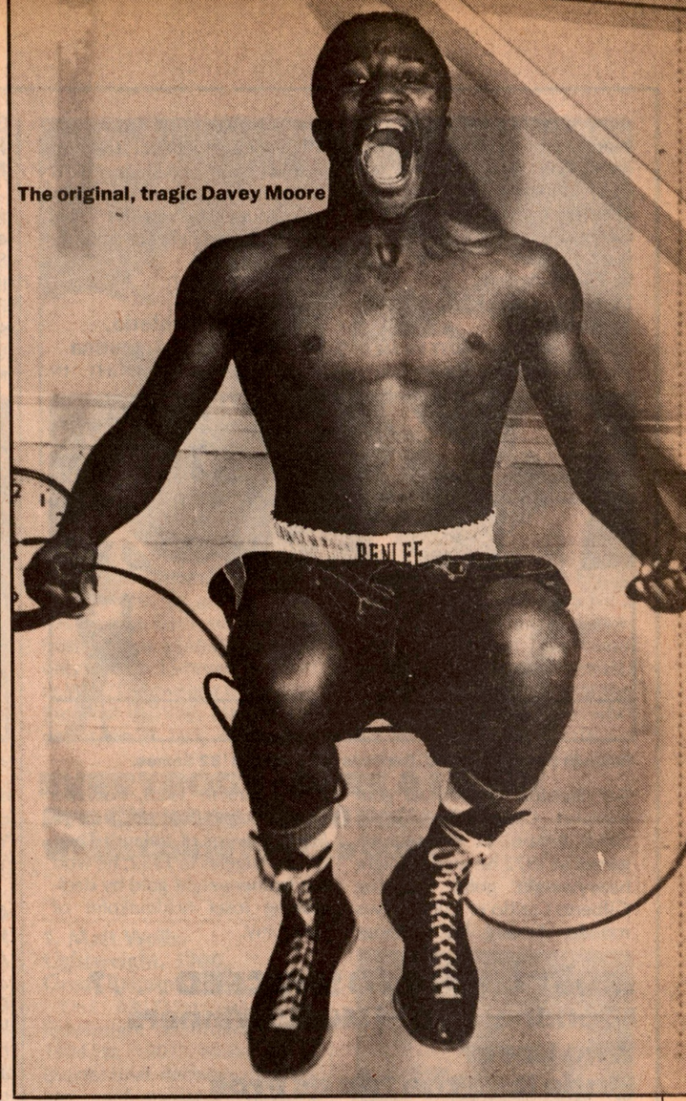

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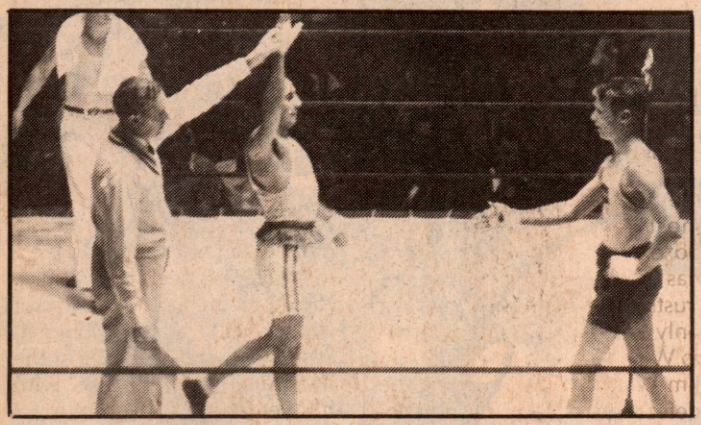
6. Mate Parlov, Light Heavyweight, Yugoslavia

AS A MIDDLEWEIGHT IN MEXico City in 1968, Parlov lost a 5-0 decision to eventual gold medalist Chris Finnegan of Great Britain. In the Munich games in 1972 he won the light heavyweight gold, stopping Gilberto Carillo of Cuba in two rounds. Among his victories was a walkover of Argentina's Miguel Angel Cuello. The two would meet again in 1978 when Parlov kayoed Cuello in nine rounds to win the WBC light heavyweight championship.

7. Carmelo Robledo, Featherweight, Argentina

AS A BANTAMWEIGHT IN Amsterdam in 1928, Robledo lost a quarter-final decision to Frank Traynor of Ireland. Then in Los Angeles in 1932, he won the featherweight gold by decisioning Josef Schleinkofer of Germany.



Robledo triumphs over C. Carlsson of Sweden in '32 Games.

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .? Prominent Gold Medal Winners Who Never Made it to the Top as Pros

1. Sam Berger, Heavyweight, 1904, United States

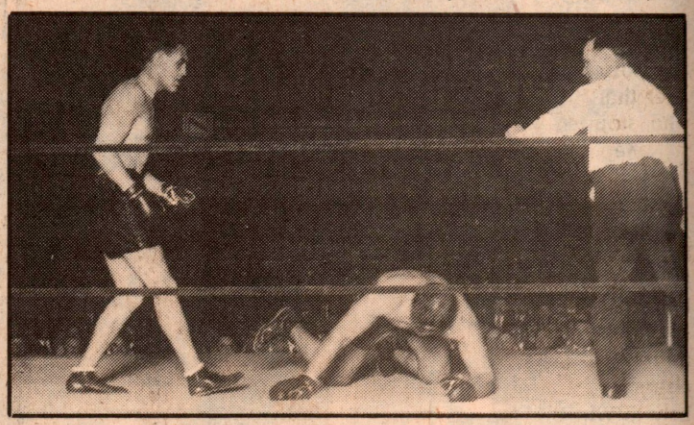
A 6-2, 205 POUND CHIcagoan, Berger capped a 40-bout amateur career by taking the gold at St. Louis in the first modern Olympics featuring boxing. Despite losing a 10-round kayo to Al Kaufmann in 1906, Berger did have some pro success, but is best remembered as Jim Jeffries' trainer for his comeback bout bout against Jack Johnson in 1910.

2. Edward Eagan, Light Heavyweight, 1920, United States

THE 1919 U.S. NATIONAL Amateur Light Heavy Champion, Eagan easily took the gold medal in Antwerp the next year. A Yale graduate and Rhodes scholar at Oxford, he sparred several exhibitions with Jack Dempsey, who predicted a bright future for Eddie if he turned pro. Despite several offers, however, Eagan never did make the transition. Eagan won another gold medal as a member of the victorious U.S. four-man bobsled team in the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placis, N.Y., the only Olumpian to win gold medals at both a winter and a summer Olympic games. Eagan later served as chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission from 1945 to 1951.

3. Otto Von Porat, Heavyweight, 1924, Norway

A 6-3½, 200 POUND BLOND giant, Von Porat faced an equally huge Dane named Soren Petersen in the Paris final. Von Po ' nearly kayoed Peterson in the first, but had to survive a rough second to win the gold medal. Von Porat started well as a pro, but two decision losses to Paulino Uzcudun and a one-round kayo by Young Stribling made him hang 'em up.



Von Porat KO's Tiny Roebuck in Chicago in '28.

4. Santiago Alberto Lovell, Heavyweight, 1932, Argentina

THE GODFATHER OF AN Olympic boxing family—brother Guillermo won the heavyweight silver in Berlin in 1936 and son Santiago Jr. won one bout in Tokyo in 1964—Lovell was never much as a pro. However, his name remains highly revered in Argentina.

5. Laslo Papp, Middleweight/ Light Middleweight, 1948-52-56, Hungary

STILL THE ONLY BOXER TO win three golds in two different weight classes, the Hungarian southpaw first won the 1948 middleweight gold in London. He then dropped down to light middle in Helsinki and Melbourne, defeating future light heavyweight champion Jose Torres in the latter final. As a pro from 1957 to 1964, Papp was unbeaten in twenty-nine bouts and retired as the undefeated European Middleweight Champion, but never received a world title shot. He is currently Hungary's Olympic boxing coach.

6. Hayes Edward Sanders, Heavyweight, 1952, United States

HAVING CONVINCINGLY flattened all three of his opponents prior to the final, Ed Sanders presented an awesome obstacle to Ingemar Johansson, so much so that the Swede was disqualified for not fighting. Some saw Sanders as a future heavyweight champion, but he died of a brain hemorrhage on December 12, 1954, following a knockout loss in his eleventh pro bout (for which his pay was only $800). Five years later, Johnasson kayoed Floyd Patterson, the Helsinki middleweight gold medalist in 1952, to win the World Heavyweight Championship.

7. Thomas Peter (Pete) Rademacher,

Heavyweight, 1956, United States

IN MELBOURNE, RADEmacher annihilated Russian brawler Lev Mukhin, flooring him three times before the referee stopped the bout in the first round of the gold medal final. In his pro debut the following year, Rademacher challenged heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson. Though given no chance, he won the first two rounds, decking Floyd for a four-count in the second. After that it was all Patterson, who stopped Rademacher in six after flooring him seven times. Rademacher went on to a successful business career.

8. Wilbert McClure, Light Middleweight, 1960, United States

"SKEETER" DECISIONED future junior middleweight champion Carmelo Bossi of Italy to win the gold at Rome. He was moderately successful as a pro, but defeats to ex-welter champ Luis Rodriguez and Johnny Pritchett convinced him to retire. After graduating from college, McClure taught at Northeastern University in Boston.

9. Takao Sakurai, Bantamweight, 1964, Japan

THIS JAPANESE SOUTHPAW floored Korea's Shin-Cho Chung four times en route to a two-round stoppage for the gold medal in Tokyo. Four years later, the then-unbeaten Sakurai fought Lionel Rose for the latter's World Bantamweight Title. Sakurai decked Rose in the second with a left hook. But Rose rallied late to earn a 15-round majority decision. A year later Ruben Olivares got off the deck to kayo Sakurai in six. After retiring in 1971, Sakurai opened a Tokyo coffee shop called, in honor of his proudest achievement in boxing, "The Medalist."

10. Christopher Finnegan, Middleweight, 1968, Great Britain

FINNEGAN WON AN UNpopular 4-1 decision over Al Jones of the U.S. in the semi-final and then took a 3-2 decision over Russian Aleksei Kisselyov for the gold in Mexico City. In 1972, then the European, British and Empire Light Heavyweight Champion, he challenged Bob Foster that September for the World title. In THE RING's Fight of the Year, a game Finnegan got off the deck in the tenth and battled back until Foster kayoed him in the fourteenth.

11. Ray Seales, Light Welterweight, 1972, United States

SEALES WAS UNDOUBTEDLY helped by his mother's cheering at ringside as he won the Munich gold with a 3-2 decision over Bulgaria's Angel Angelov. Fought as a world-ranked middleweight for years, but kayo losses to future champions Alan Minter and Marvin Hagler kept him from a title shot. Seales finally retired from boxing in 1983 when injuries to both eyes had left him permanently blinded.

12. Teofilo Stevenson, Heavyweight, 1972-76-80, Cuba

IF CUBA WEREN'T A COMmunist country, Stevenson would almost certainly have been successful as a professional. After losing to American Duane Bobick at the 1971 Pan-American Games, Stevenson destroyed Bobick in Munich in the third round with patented rights to the head en route to his first gold. Then, in Montreal, he dispatched the U.S.'s John Tate with a booming right in the first round, and went on to stop Romania's Mircea Simon in the final. In Moscow, he settled for a 4-1 decision over Soviet Pyotr Zaev for his third gold. Stevenson has slipped since, losing by decision to Italy's Francesco Damiani and America's Craig Payne.

13. Howard Davis, Lightweight, 1976, United States

DAVIS DEDICATED HIS GOLD medal to his mother Catherine, who died of a heart attack two days before the Montreal games began. The winner of

Davis was Most Outstanding in Montreal.

the Val Barker Award as the most outstanding Olympic boxer in the '76 games, Davis has known both success and frustration as a pro. He has lost only once, a 15-round decision to WBC Lightweight Champion Jim Watt in 1980, blaming the defeat on a lack of psychological preparation. Has since remained unbeaten and highly ranked, but has yet to receive a long-overdue second title shot. Arguably the best pure boxer from the U.S. team at Montreal, he remains the only one of the five American medalists who has yet to win a world title.

EVERYBODY LOVES A LOSER . . . Pro Champs Who'd Failed While Going for the Gold

1. Matt Wells, Lightweight, 1908, Great Britain

THE BRITISH AMATEUR lightweight champion from 1904 to 1907, Wells lost a quarter-final decision to eventual gold medalist Frederick Grace in London. In 1914 he won recognition as world welterweight champion by winning a twenty-round decision over Tom McCormick in Sydney, Australia.

2. Lou Salica, Flyweight, 1932, United States

SALICA LOST TO HUNGARY'S Istvan Enekes in the semi-finals; Enekes went on to win the gold while Salica took home the bronze. In 1935, Salica won and then lost the NBA (now WBA) bantamweight title to Sixto Escobar. In 1941, after defeating Georgie Pace for New York recognition, he won the vacant World Bantamweight Title by decisioning Tommy Forte over 15 rounds.

Toweel (l.) is consoled by Carruthers, who KO'd him in 1.

3. James Carruthers, Bantamweight, 1948, Australia
and 4. Vic Toweel, Bantamweight, 1948, South Africa

IN LONDON, TOWEEL LOST his only bout to Argentina's Arnoldo Pares. Carruthers then

defeated Pares, but had to default to gold medalist Tibor Csik because of an eye injury. In 1950, Toweel won the World Bantamweight Title by defeating Manuel Ortiz. After three successful defenses, he lost his crown in November 1952 on a first round kayo to Jimmy Carruthers who, the following March, stopped Toweel again, this time in ten rounds.

5. Wallace Smith, Lightweight, 1948, United States

SMITH LOST IN THE SEMI-final to silver medalist Joseph Vissers of Belgium. Then, in 1955, he won the World Lightweight Title with a 15-round split decision over James Carter.

6. Raul Macias, Bantamweight, 1952, Mexico

AT HELSINKI, MACIAS LOST to bronze medalist Gennady Garbuzov of the USSR. But, in 1955, he kayoed Chamrern Songkitrat in eleven rounds to win the vacant NBA bantam title.

7. Davey Moore, Bantamweight, 1952, United States

MOORE LASTED ONLY SLIGHTly longer than Macias, losing in the quarter-finals to another bronze medalist, Korea's Joo-Ho Kang. In 1959, Moore kayoed Hogan (Kid) Bassey in the thirteenth round to win the World Featherweight Title. Like Helsinki teammate Ed Sanders, Moore had a tragic end; he died in March, 1963, two days after losing his title to Sugar Ramos by tenth-round knockout.

8. Ingemar Johansson, Heavyweight, 1952, Sweden

IN THE HELSINKI FINAL, Johansson was not only disqualified against American Ed Sanders, he was not even awarded his silver medal. Then, in 1959, he kayoed Floyd Patterson, the 1952 middleweight gold medalist, to win the heavyweight title. Ingo retired from boxing in 1963, eventually becoming a millionaire businessman; in 1982, on his fiftieth birthday, he finally was awarded his Olympic silver medal.

Heavyweight Champ Ingo with Swedish actress Bibi Anderesson

9. Johnny Caldwell, Flyweight, 1956, Ireland

CALDWELL SETTLED FOR A bronze medal in Melbourne, losing in the semis to eventual silver medalist Mircea Dobrescu of Romania. In 1961, Caldwell decisioned Alphonse Halimi to gain recognition from the European Boxing Union as World Bantamweight Champion.

10. Eder Jofre, Bantamweight, 1956, Brazil

IN MELBOURNE, JOFRE LOST a quarter-final decision to bronze medalist Claudio Barrientos of Chile. In March 1961, he kayoed Piero Rollo in the tenth round to win the vacant World Bantamweight Title. After losing the title to Fighting Harada and then failing to regain it, Jofre retired, but then came back as a featherweight, winning the WBC title from Jose Legra in 1973.

11. Jose Torres, Light Middleweight, 1956, United States

TORRES HAD THE MISFORtune to face Laslo Papp of Hungary in the Melbourne final. Papp won the decision and his third Olympic gold, while Torres got the silver. In 1965, Torres kayoed Willie Pastrano in nine rounds to win the World Light Heavyweight Championship.

12. Vicente Saldivar, Featherweight, 1960, Mexico

SALDIVAR LOST HIS OPENing round bout in Rome to Switzerland's Ernest Chervet. In 1964, the Mexican southpaw kayoed Sugar Ramos in twelve to win the World Featherweight Title. He retired in 1967, but regained the title by beating Johnny Famechon in 1970.

13. Sandro Lopopolo, Lightweight, 1960, Italy

LOPOPOLO WON A SILVER medal in Rome, losing a 4-1 decision in the final to Poland's Kazimierz Pazdzior. In 1966 Lopopolo went on to decision Carlos Hernandez to win the World Junior Welterweight Title.

14. Ki-Soo Kim, Welterweight, 1960, Korea

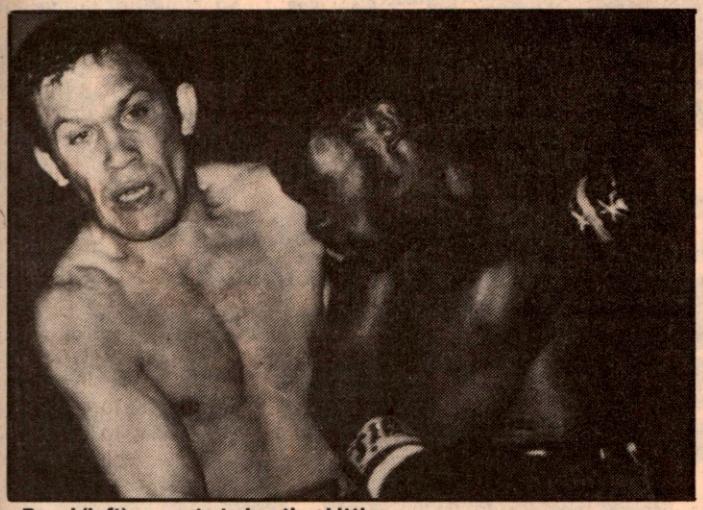
KIM LOST A THIRD-ROUND decision to eventual gold med-

The '56 U.S. Team: (l. to r.): Ray Perez, Choken Maekawa, Harry Smith, Louis Molina, Joe Shaw, Pierce Lane, Jose Torres, Jim Boyd, Pete Rademacher

alist Giovanni (Nino) Benvenuti, the outstanding boxer of the Rome Olympiad. In 1966, Kim challenged Benvenuti for the latter's WBA Junior Middleweight Title. With help from two Korean judges, Kim won the title with a controversial split decision.

15. Carmelo Bossi, Light Middleweight, 1960, Italy

BOSSI WON A SILVER IN Rome, losing a 4-1 decision to American Wilbert McClure, but went on to win the World Junior Middleweight crown by decisioning Freddie Little in 1970.



Bossi (left) en route to beating Little

16. Alfonso Frazer, Featherweight, 1964, Panama

FRAZER DIDN'T SHOW MUCH in Tokyo; Kenya's Philip Waruinge kayoed him in the first round of his only bout. But, in 1972, Frazer decisioned Nicolino Loche to win the world junior welterweight title.

17. Franco Udella, Light Flyweight, 1968, Italy

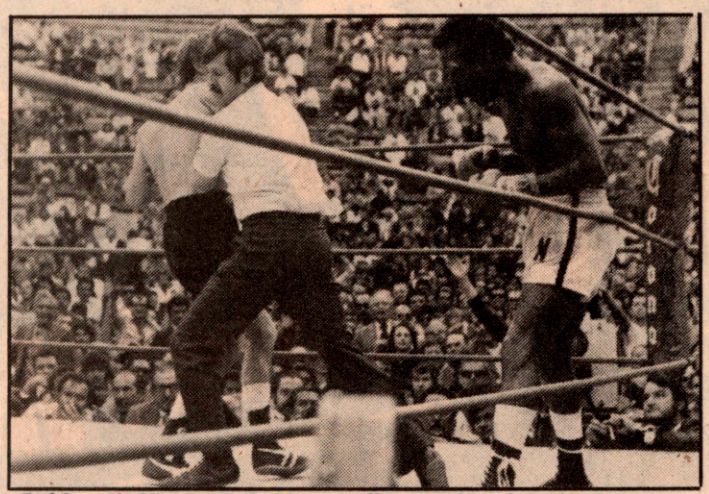
UDELLA LOST HIS ONLY bout in Mexico City to Mexican Alberto Morales. Then, in 1975, at age 38, he became the first WBC Light Featherweight Champion by winning on a foul in twelve rounds over Valentin Martinez.

18. Victor Galindez, Light Middleweight, 1968, Argentina

GALINDEZ LOST HIS ONLY bout in Mexico City to Italy's Aldo Bentini, but went on to kayo Len Hutchins in 1974 for the first of his two reigns as WBA Light Heavyweight Champion.

19. John Stracey, Lightweight, 1968, Great Britain

STRACEY WAS ELIMINATED IN the third round on a 4-1 decision to gold medalist Ronnie Harris of the U.S. In 1975 Stracey returned to Mexico City, stopping Jose Napoles in six rounds to win the World Welterweight Title.



Ref Octavio Meyran pulls Stracey off beaten Napoles.

20. Alan Minter, Light Middleweight, 1972, Great Britain

MINTER GOT A BRONZE IN Munich, losing a controversial decision to gold medalist Dieter Kottysch of Germany. In 1980 he won a split decision over Vito Antuofermo to win the world middleweight title.

21. Marvin Johnson, Middleweight, 1972, United States

A BIG FAVORITE FOR THE Munich gold, Johnson faced Russia's Vyacheslav Lemechev, whom he had beaten in Russia, in the semi finals. But, Lemechev kayoed Johnson in two rounds and went on to win the gold, and Johnson settled for a bronze. In 1978 Johnson kayoed Mate Parlov, the Munich light heavyweight gold medalist, to win the WBC light heavyweight title. After losing it, he rebounded by kayoing Victor Galindez to win the WBA title.

22. Alfonso Zamora, Bantamweight, 1972, Mexico

THE 18-YEAR-OLD ZAMORA won the silver, losing the final to Cuba's Orlando Martinez. In 1975 he kayoed Soo Hwan Hong to become (at age 21) the youngest World Bantamweight Champion in ring history.

23. Wilfredo Gomez, Flyweight, 1972, Puerto Rico

THE 15-YEAR-OLD GOMEZ lost his only bout by decision to Mohamed Selin of Egypt, but went on to kayo Dong-Kyun Yum in twelve rounds in 1977 to win the WBC Junior Featherweight Crown.

24. Maurice Hope, Welterweight, 1972, Great Britain

THE ANTIGUA-BORN SOUTHpaw lost a quarterfinal decision to Hungary's Janos Kajdi, the Munich silver medalist. In 1979, Hope stopped Rocky Mattioli in eight rounds to win the WBC junior middleweight title.

25. Chan-Hee Park, Light Flyweight, 1976, Korea

PARK LOST A DISPUTED DEcision to gold medalist Jorge Hernandez of Cuba in the quarterfinals, but went on to win the WBC Flyweight Championship by decisioning Miguel Canto in 1979.

26. Charlie Magri, Flyweight, 1976, Great Britain

IAN CLYDE OF CANADA kayoed Magri in a third round match at Montreal, but in 1983, Magri won and then lost the WBC flyweight title.

27. Cornelius Bbosa, Featherweight, 1976, Uganda

THE TALENTED SOUTHPAW didn't get a chance to compete in Montreal, suffering an injury that forced him to withdraw before he could face eventual bronze medalist Leszek Kosedowski. Bbosa emigrated to England, changed his name to Boza-Edwards (for his sponsor and friend Jack Edwards), and won the WBC junior lightweight crown in 1981 from Rafael (Bazooka) Limon.

28. John Tate, Heavyweight, 1976, United States

LIKE SO MANY BEFORE AND since, Tate couldn't avoid Teofilo Stevenson' lethal right, which ended their Olympic bout in one round, although Tate did take the bronze. In 1979 Tate avoided Gerrie Coetzee's bionic right for fifteen rounds to win the vacant WBA heavyweight title.

FOR THE RECORD

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By JOHN GRASSO

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FIGHTER	**COUNTRY**	**YEAR**	**CLASS**	**W-L**	**MEDAL**	**CLASS**	**WON TITLE**
Floyd Patterson	USA	'52	M	4-0	1	H	'56
Ingemar Johansson	SWE	'52	H	4-1	2	H	'59
Muhammad Ali[a]	USA	'60	LH	4-0	1	H	'64
Joe Frazier	USA	'64	H	4-0	1	H	'68
George Foreman	USA	'68	H	4-0	1	H	'73
Leon Spinks	USA	'76	LH	5-0	1	H	'78
John Tate	USA	'76	H	2-1	3	H	'79
Jose Torres	USA	'56	LM	3-1	2	LH	'65
Victor Galindez	ARG	'68	LM	0-1	—	LH	'74
Miguel Cuello	ARG	'72	LH	2-1	—	LH	'77
Mate Parlov	YUG	'68-'72	M/LH	7-1	1	LH	'78
Marvin Johnson	USA	'72	M	2-1	3	LH	'78
Michael Spinks	USA	'76	M	4-0	1	LH	'81
Nino Benvenuti[b]	ITA	'60	W	5-0	1	M,JM	'65
Alan Minter	GBR	'72	LM	3-1	3	M	'80
Ki-Soo Kim	KOR	'60	W	1-1	—	JM	'66
Carmelo Bossi	ITA	'60	LM	4-1	2	JM	'70
Jose Duran	ESP	'68	W	1-1	—	JM	'76
Maurice Hope	GER	'72	W	2-1	—	JM	'79
Waldemar Holberg	DEN	'08	L	0-1	—	W	'14
Matt Wells	GER	'08	L	1-1-	—	W	'14
Jackie Fields	USA	'24	Fe	5-0	1	W	'29
John Stracey	GBR	'68	L	1-1	—	W	'75
Ray Leonard	USA	'76	LW	6-0	1	W,JM	'79
Sandro Lopopolo	ITA	'60	L	5-1	2	JW	'66
Bruno Arcari	ITA	'60	L	0-1	—	JW	'70
Alfonso Frazer	PAN	'64	Fe	0-1	—	JW	'72
Miguel Velasquez	ESP	'64	LW	0-1	—	JW	'76
Wallace (Bud) Smith	USA	'48	L	3-2	4	L	'55
Boza-Edwards[c]	UGA	'76	Fe	0-1	—	JL	'81
Petey Sarron	USA	'24	Fly	alt	—	Fe	'36
Jackie Callura	CAN	'32	Fly	0-1	—	Fe	'43
Davey Moore	USA	'52	B	1-1	—	Fe	'59
Vicente Saldivar	MEX	'60	Fe	0-1	—	Fe	'73
Eder Jofre	BRA	'56	B	1-1	—	Fe	'73
Royal Kobayashi[d]	JPN	'72	Fe	2-1	—	JFe	'76
Wilfredo Gomez	PUR	'72	Fly	0-1	—	JFe	'77
Leo Randolph	USA	'76	Fly	5-0	1	JFe	'80
Willie Smith	SAF	'24	B	4-0	1	B	'27
Lou Salica	USA	'32	Fly	3-1	3	B	'35
Vic Toweel	SAF	'48	B	0-1	—	B	'50
Jimmy Carruthers	AUS	'48	B	2-1	—	B	'52
Raul Macias	MEX	'52	B	1-1	—	B	'55
Johnny Caldwell	IRE	'56	Fly	2-1	3	B	'61
Eder Jofre	BRA	'56	B	1-1	—	B	'61
Alfonso Zamora	MEX	'72	B	4-1	2	B	'75
		'80	Fly	dnc	—	B	'84
Payao Pooltarat	THA	'76	LF	3-1	3	JB	'84
Fidel La Barba	USA	'24	Fly	5-0	1	Fly	'25
Frankie Genaro[e]	USA	'20	Fly	4-0	1	Fly	'28
Pascual Perez	ARG	'48	Fly	5-0	1	Fly	'54
Salvatore Burruni	ITA	'56	Fly	0-1	—	Fly	'65
Chan-Hee Park	KOR	'76	LF	2-1	—	Fly	'79
Prudencio Cardona	COL	'72	LF	0-1	—	Fly	'82
Eleoncio Mercedes	DOM	'76	LF	0-1	—	Fly	'82
Charlie Magri	GBR	'76	Fly	1-1	—	Fly	'83
Franco Udella	ITA	'68-'72	LF/Fly	1-2	—	JF	'75

The USA vs. The World

USA vs.	W-L	USA vs.	W-L				
USA	19-19	IND	2-0	IRE	6-3	DOM	1-0
URS	16-4	JPN	2-0	SWE	6-5	EST	1-0
POL	16-6	LUX	2-0	CUB	6-6	GRE	1-0
GBR	15-8	MAR	2-0	DEN	6-6	HAI	1-0
ARG	14-5	PER	2-0	KOR	5-1	KEN	1-0
ITA	14-11	THA	2-0	MEX	5-2	KHM	1-0
ROM	10-3	TOG	2-0	TCH	5-6	MGL	1-0
BEL	10-5	TUR	2-0	CHI	4-0	NEP	1-0
FRA	10-6	YUG	2-0	FIN	4-0	NGR	1-0
SAF	10-7	ESP	2-1	PHI	4-2	NZL	1-0
AUS	9-0	UAR	2-2	VEN	4-2	TAI	1-0
GER	9-2	HUN	2-5	GDR	3-0	TUN	1-0
NOR	9-3	AUT	1-0	SUI	3-0	COL	1-1
CAN	7-3	BIR	1-0	URU	3-0	GHA	1-1
BUL	6-1	CEY	1-0	HOL	3-1	EGY	0-1
UGA	6-2	CMR	1-0	BRA	2-0	PRK	0-1

ALL-TIME OLYMPIC BOXING RECORDS BY COUNTRY

Highest Win Percentage

1. Cuba (119-39)	.753
2. U.S.S.R. (211-71)	.748
3. N. Korea (24-10)	.706
4. U.S.A. (291-131)	.690
5. E. Germany (60-31)	.659
6. Poland (169-98)	.633
7. S. Africa (92-56)	.622
8. Italy (179-111)	.617
9. Yugoslavia (45-29)	.608
10. Estonia (6-4)	.600

Most Wins

1. United States	291
2. Soviet Union	211
3. Great Britain	188
4. Italy	179
5. Poland	169
6. Argentina	135
7. Cuba	119
8. Romania	113
9. Germany	105
10. Hungary	93

Lowest Win Percentage
(minimum 8 bouts)

1. Togo (0-8)	.000
2. Luxembourg (1-27)	.036
3. Morocco (2-23)	.080
4. Sudan (1-11)	.083
5. Nicaragua (1-9)	.100
6. Nepal (1-8)	.111
7. Benin (1-7)	.125
8. Pakistan (5-25)	.167
9. Taiwan (3-15)	.167
10. Dominican Rep. (2-10)	.167

Most Losses

1. G. Britain	152
2. U.S.A.	131
3. Italy	111
4. France	109
5. Poland	08
6. Argentina	92
7. Ireland	84
8. W. Germany	81
9. Canada	80
10. Romania	77

Most Total Bouts

1. U.S.A.	422
2. G. Britain	340
3. Italy	290
4. U.S.S.R.	282
5. Poland	267
6. Argentina	227
7. France	193
8. Romania	190

Most Tournaments

1. Denmark	15
2. France	15
G. 3. Britain	15
4. Italy	14
5. U.S.A.	14
6. Canada	13
7. Hungary	13
7 tied at	12

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